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P R E F A C E.

THIS book is not intended for drones. As a mere apparatus to save labor in sermonizing it will be utterly worthless, but it is hoped that it may be found useful as an incentive to study.

The merest skeletons will be found in it, without proofs or illustrations, leaving it for each reader to "lay sinews upon *these dry bones*, and bring up flesh upon them and cover them with skin" according to his own habits of composition; and then the Author ventures to suggest that in order that they may be clothed with living power, the prayer be offered by fervent hearts—"Come from the four winds, O BREATH! and breathe upon these slain," and doubtless "*these dry bones shall live.*"

The most of these sketches are the product of my own mind, yet I have not aimed at originality, and I have appropriated whatever I thought available from the best authors.

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I. *The Unspeakable Gift.*

Titus ii. 14: Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

I. THE GIFT OF CHRIST.

1. Voluntary—"Gave."
2. Precious—"Himself."
3. Vicarious—"For us."

II. ITS OBJECT.

1. Redemption from sin.
 2. Inward purification—*Unto himself.*
 3. Outward holiness—*Peculiar, zealous.*
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2. *The Good Fight of Faith.*

1 Tim. vi. 12: Fight the good fight of faith.

I. WHAT MEN FIGHT FOR.

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| 1. Existence— <i>bread.</i> | 3. Position. |
| 2. Wealth. | 4. Eternal life. |

II. HOW TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

1. The reconnoissance—*Outlook of faith.*
2. The preparation—*The armor. The drill.*
3. The conflict—*The defence. The attack.*

3. *Befitting Speech.*

Phil. i. 27 : Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ.

1. As it becometh the doctrines revealed by the Gospel.
 2. As it becometh the privileges conferred by the Gospel.
 3. As it becometh the precepts inculcated by the Gospel.
 4. As it becometh the prospects unfolded by the Gospel.
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4. *Counterfeit Life.*

Rev. iii. 1 : I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

SPURIOUS IMITATIONS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

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| 1. Hypocritical. | 4. Constitutional. |
| 2. Self-righteous. | 5. Intellectual. |
| 3. Sentimental. | 6. Moral. |
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5. *The King's Highway.*

Isa. xxxv. 8-10 : And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness ; the unclean shall not pass over it, *but he shall be with them (margin)* : the wayfaring man, though a fool, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon ; it shall not be found there ; but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads ; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I. THE WAY.

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| 1. A public way. | 4. A way of safety. |
| 2. A way of holiness. | 5. A way of gladness. |
| 3. A way of simplicity. | |

II. ITS COMPANY.

1. The Lord himself (*margin*).
2. His ransomed people—*Association, enjoyment*

III. ITS TERMINATION.

1. A place of endless rest.
2. A place of endless joy.

6. *Created Anew in Christ.*

2 Cor. v. 17 : Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature : old things are passed away ; behold all things are become new.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S STATE—"In Christ."

1. A covenant relation.
2. A spiritual union.

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER.

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| 1. New views. | 5. New language. |
| 2. New feelings. | 6. New aspirations. |
| 3. New loves. | 7. New principles. |
| 4. New joys. | 8. New pursuits. |

7. *A Carte-blanche for Blessings.*

Matt. vii. 7 : Ask and it shall be given you.

1. The highest blessings depend on the simplest conditions
2. Man's capacity is the limit of his prayers.
3. God's capacity is the measure of his answers

8. *Mercy's Gate.*

Luke xiii. 24 : Strive to enter in at the strait gate : for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

I. A DIRECTION—"Enter in."

1. An open door.
2. A narrow door.

II. AN EXHORTATION—"Strive."

1. Its nature—*Earnestness* (*Αγνωλζεσθε*), *Promptness*.
 2. The reasons—*Mere seekers and procrastinators perish.*
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9. *The Sinner's Friend.*

Luke xiv. 1 : This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.

I. THE RECEIVER—"This man."

1. His sympathy—"Man."
2. His capability—*Divine*.

II. THE RECEIVED—"Sinners."

1. Such as most need help.
2. Such as least deserve it.

III. THE RECEPTION—"Eateth," etc.

1. Friendly association.
 2. Complete reconciliation.
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10. *Universal Longings.*

Ps. xlii. 2 : My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.

I. THE NATURAL MAN'S THIRST.

An unconscious and unsatisfied longing after God.

II. THE REDEEMED SAINT'S THIRST.

A conscious longing, imperfect, but answered.

III. THE GLORIFIED SPIRIT'S THIRST.

A perfect longing, perfectly satisfied.

II. *Individual Influence.*

Eccles. ix. 18: One sinner destroyeth much good.

I. HOW A SINNER DESTROYS GOOD.

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| 1. By not doing good. | 3. By a bad example. |
| 2. By an evil influence. | |

II. HOW MUCH GOOD HE DESTROYS.

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| 1. A good disposition. | 5. A good estate. |
| 2. A good conscience. | 6. His own soul. |
| 3. Good sense. | 7. The souls of others. |
| 4. Good learning. | |
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12. *Conquering Faith.*

1 John. v. 4: This is the victory that overcometh the world, **even our faith.**

1. Faith conquering doubt.
 2. Faith conquering disappointment.
 3. Faith conquering sin.
 4. Faith conquering death.
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13. *Lovely, though Invisible.*

1 Pet. i. 8: Whom having not seen, ye love.

1. His invisibility does not affect our knowledge of him—*The Bible—Experience—Holy Spirit.*
2. His invisibility does not affect our obligations to him.
3. His invisibility does not affect our relations to him.
4. His invisibility is connected with his work for us.

14. *Christ a Refuge.*

Zech. ix. 12: Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee.

I. THE PERSONS ADDRESSED.

1. Prisoners.
2. Prisoners of hope.

II. THE COUNSEL GIVEN—“*Turn to the Stronghold.*”

1. Apprehension of danger—*Wrath of God.*
2. Renunciation of other refuge.
3. Confident approach.
4. Actual indwelling.

III. THE PROMISE MADE.

1. Its firmness—“*I declare.*”
 2. Its extent—“*I will render double.*”
 3. Its time—“*This day.*”
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15. *The Great Controversy*

Mic. vi. 2, 3: Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

I. MAN'S COMPLAINTS AGAINST GOD.

1. A corrupt nature.
2. The power of temptation.
3. The dealings of Providence.

II. GOD'S COMPLAINTS AGAINST MAN.

1. Mercies despised.
3. Calls neglected.
2. Grace refused.
4. Judgments sent in vain

Let the mountains hear the controversy.

16. *The Gain of a Man.*

Matt. xviii. 15: Thou hast gained thy brother.

The gain of a man compared with other gains.

17. *Limitations.*

Job xiv. 5: Thou hast appointed his bounds, that he cannot pass.

HUMAN LIMITATIONS.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Body. | 4. Circumstances. |
| 2. Culture. | 5. Destiny. |
| 3. Character. | 6. Life. |

18. *What Becomes of the Seed?*

Matt. xiii. 18-23: Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower: When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, etc.

1. Some are superficial hearers—*Sentimental, no depth.*
2. Some are compromising hearers—*Choked by thorns.*
3. Some are hardened hearers—*Word trodden down.*
4. Some are practical hearers—*Mellow ground.*

19. *"Even Me."*

1 Tim. i. 15: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

I. EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THIS SAYING.

1. That Jesus Christ has come into the world—*A fact.*
2. That he came to save sinners—*The reason of it.*
3. That he saves the chief of sinners.

II. UNFOLD ITS PROPERTIES.

1. It is worthy of belief—*It is true.*
2. It is worthy of acceptance—*It is excellent.*

20. *Glad Tidings.*

Ps. lxxxix. 15, 16: Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

I. WHY IS THE GOSPEL A JOYFUL SOUND?

1. Because it proclaims pardon for the guilty.
2. Because it proclaims freedom to the captive.
3. Because it proclaims a home to the wanderer.

II. HOW MAY WE KNOW THE JOYFUL SOUND?

1. Theoretically.
2. Experimentally.

III. THE BLESSEDNESS OF THE KNOWLEDGE.

1. Direction.
2. Joy.
3. Exaltation.

21. *The Wondrous Power of the Cross.*

Luke xxiii. 42, 43: And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

1. The Cross attracting—*Drawing men.*
2. The Cross foretelling—*Pointing to the kingdom*
3. The Cross revealing—*Opening the true Paradise.*

22. *Stooping to Lift.*

Pa. cxlii. 5-8 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high; who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in

heaven and in the earth? He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; that he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

I. THE MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD'S CONDESCENSION.

1. In speaking to us—*In Eden*—"At sundry times."
2. By symbols of his presence—*Shechinah*.
3. In the assumption of our nature.
4. In the vicarious death of Christ.

II. THE EFFECT IN MAN'S EXALTATION.

1. Advancement to his service.
2. Sharing his friendship.
3. Adoption into his family.

23. *Is there not Another Way?*

2 Kings v. 12: Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean?

I. SINNERS DISLIKE THE PLAN OF THE GOSPEL.

1. Self-abandonment.
2. Salvation by faith

II. THEY DISLIKE ITS OBJECT

1. Salvation from sin.
2. The renewal of the heart.

III. THEY DISLIKE THE MEANS TO BE USED.

1. Self-denial.
2. Humility.
3. Earnestness.
4. Publicity.

24. *An Unanswerable Question.*

Heb. ii. : How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

I. THE GREATNESS OF SALVATION.

1. As wrought for us.
2. As wrought in us.

II. ITS NEGLECT.

1. Not to regard its worth—*Secondary*.
2. Not to feel our need of it.
3. Not to apply it to ourselves

III. ENFORCE THE QUESTION.

1. *How* shall we escape?
2. How shall we *escape*?
3. How shall *we* escape?

25. *The Christian Race.*

1 Cor. ix. 24 : Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain.

I. THE RACE.

1. Its necessity.
2. Its rules.

II. THE RUNNER.

1. Simplicity of aim.
2. Earnestness of spirit.
3. Perseverance to the end.

III. THE PRIZE.

1. For all competitors.
2. Incorruptible.

26. *Death Near.*

1 Sam. xl. 3: There is but a step between me and death.

I. A TRUTH.

1. Physically.
2. Morally.
3. Socially.
4. Influentially.

II. ITS EFFECT.

1. It should give value to the present.
2. It should awaken vigilance.
3. It should direct in the use of our possessions.
4. It should stimulate us to prepare for the future.

27. *Sin's Remedy.*

John v. 6: Wilt thou be made whole?

I. THE MORAL DISEASE OF MAN.

1. Its origin—*Indulgence.*
2. Its propagation—*Infection.*
3. Its seat—*Constitutional.*
4. Its effects—*Enmity—Selfishness.*
5. Its termination—*Fatal.*

II. THE REMEDY.

1. A specific.
2. Adequate.

III. THE PHYSICIAN.

1. Able.
2. Benevolent.
3. Makes terms with the willing.

28. *Spiritual Naturalization.*

John iii. 3: Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

I. THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENT OF SALVATION.

1. From man's natural condition—*Different from God's design.*
2. Exact terms necessary—*God saves by law.*

II. ITS NATURE

1. A reconstruction—*In the dispositions—Affections—Motives.*
2. An inspiration—*Reception of the Divine Nature.*

III. ITS MODE.

1. Human conditions—*Reaching after God—Reception of God.*
2. Divine power—*A mystery.*

29. *Work while it is called Day.*

Eccles. ix. 10: Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it **with thy** might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.

I. THE WORK FOR THE HAND TO DO.

1. To get good. 2. To do good.

II. HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE.

With the might.

III. WHY?

1. A great work to be done.
2. Little time to do it.
3. No opportunities after death.

30. *Hold Fast.*

1 Thess. v. 21: Hold fast that which is good.

I. WHAT ARE WE TO HOLD FAST?

1. The truth of God.
2. Our trust in Christ.
3. Our spiritual experience.
4. The form of godliness.

II. HOW SHALL WE HOLD THEM FAST?

1. In the mind.
2. In the heart.
3. In the life.

31. *Discipleship.*

Matt. xi. 29: Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I. THE DIVINE TEACHER.

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| 1. Skillful | 3. Plain. |
| 2. Affectionate. | 4. Patient. |

II. HIS IMPORTANT COUNSEL—"Learn of me."

1. By studying his book.
2. By seeking his advice.
3. By following his pattern.

III. HIS PRECIOUS PROMISE.

1. Rest from sin.
2. Rest from conscience.
3. Rest in heaven.

32. *Repentance.*

Matt. iii. 1, 2 : In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

1. This saying shows that men were in a false position.
2. This saying shows that they had power to alter it.
3. And that such power was immediately associated with a great opportunity—*The kingdom of heaven.*

33. "*Thus far shalt thou Come.*"

Isa. lix. 19 : When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard (*barrier*) against him.

1. We *have* an enemy.
2. He has terrible power—"Like a flood."
3. Our God can raise up a barrier which he cannot overcome.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. This truth should encourage watchfulness.
2. It should inspire hope in temptation.

34. *The Gospel.*

2 Cor. iv. 4: The glorious gospel of Christ.

1. It furnishes a glorious manifestation of the Divine character in Christ.
2. It contains a glorious provision for human wants through Christ.
3. It unfolds a glorious heaven with Christ.

35. *How to Preach.*

2 Cor. iv. 2: By manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

- I. THE PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL SHOULD SET FORTH THE TRUTH.
 1. Concerning God.
 2. Concerning man.
 3. Concerning Christ.
 4. Concerning retribution.
- II. THE PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL SHOULD ADDRESS THE CONSCIENCE.
 1. To enlighten it.
 2. To rouse it to action.
- III. THE PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL SHOULD ADDRESS MEN AS IN GOD'S PRESENCE.
 1. The preacher in God's sight.
 2. The hearer in God's sight.

36. *Showings of Blessing.*

Hos. vi. 3: And he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INFLUENCE IS LIKE THE RAIN.

1. It is from above.
2. It is cevious.
3. It is seasonable.
4. It is refreshing.
5. It is fertilizing.

37. *The Fullness of the Spirit.*

Eph. v. 18: But be filled with the Spirit.

I. WHAT IS IT?

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| 1. Witness. | 2. Co-operation. |
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II. WHAT OBLIGES US?

1. It is commanded—*Ability*.
2. It is necessary for usefulness.
3. It is promised.

III. WHAT PREVENTS US?

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| 1. Unbelief. | 3. Worldy-mindedness. |
| 2. Pride. | 4. Neglect. |

38. *Fools' Company.*

Prov. xiii. 20: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

I. WHO ARE FOOLS?

1. Those who occupy their time and thoughts with trifles.
2. Those who neglect important truths and realities.
3. Those who do not prepare for great and unavoidable events.

II. HOW DO WE WALK WITH THEM?

1. By frequenting their company.
2. By following their example.
3. By reading their books.

III. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES.

1. We shall be tainted with their vices.
2. We shall share their present sufferings.
3. We shall be involved in their eternal doom.

39. *Sanctification.*

2 Thess. ii. 13 : Through sanctification of the Spirit.

I. THE NATURE OF SANCTIFICATION.

1. The rule.
2. The principle.
3. The model.

II. THE AGENCIES EMPLOYED IN IT.

1. Belief of the truth.
2. Our own exertion.
3. The Spirit's immediate influence.

III. ITS NECESSITY.

1. From the character of God.
2. From the work of Christ.
3. From our need of happiness.

40. *God's People.*

1 Pet. ii. 9 : But ye are a peculiar people.

1. God's people are a professing people.
2. God's people are a separated people.
3. God's people are a suffering people.
4. God's people are a praying people.
5. God's people are a sanctified people.
6. God's people are a blessed people.

41. *To-day.*

Heb. iii. 7 : To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. The duty—"Hear his voice."
2. The danger—"Hardness of heart."
3. The time—"To-day."

42. *Universal Prevalence of God's Word.*

2 Tim. ii. 9: But the word of God is not bound.

I. GOD'S WORD CANNOT BE RESTRAINED.

1. By persecution.
3. By false doctrines.
2. By philosophy.
4. By unfaithful professors.

II. ITS FUTURE PROSPECT IS GLORIOUS.

1. The hindrances—*All foreseen and provided for.*
2. The agent—*The Holy Spirit.*
3. The means—*Christian effort.*

43. *Deliverance.*

2 Cor. v. 4: For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S PRESENT CONDITION.

1. The body is a tent—*Movable.*
2. It is earthly in its elements—*Tendencies.*
3. It is mortal—*There are rents in it already.*
4. The soul is a sojourner in it.

II. HIS CIRCUMSTANCES—"Burdened."

1. By the vicissitudes of life.
2. By persecutions.
3. By temptations.
4. By the remains of sin.

III HIS DESIRE—"Groan."

- 1 For deliverance.
- 2 For a permanent house—*Home.*

44. *Wondrous Change!*

Phil. iii. 21 : Who shall change our vile body.

I. OUR PRESENT BODY.

1. Its materials are vile—*Earthly*.
2. Its infirmities are vile—*Sickness and pain*.
3. Its propensities are vile—*Sinful*.
4. Its tendencies are vile—*Decay*.

II. THE CHANGE THAT AWAITS IT.

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| 1. It is necessary. | 3. It is glorious. |
| 2. It is wonderful. | 4. It is divine. |

45. *Activities.*

Titus iii. 1 : Be ready to every good work.

I. WHAT KIND OF GOOD WORKS?

1. To the bodies of men.
2. To their souls.
3. To the Church.

II. WHAT IS THE READINESS ENJOINED?

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| 1. Cheerfulness. | 3. Perseverance |
| 2. Promptness. | 4. Catholicity. |

III. WHY ENJOINED?

1. The genius of Christianity.
2. The example of Christ.
3. Personal improvement.
4. Future reward.

46. *The Common Lot.*

Heb. x. 37 : They were tempted.

ALL CHRISTIANS ARE TEMPTED.

1. To unbelief of God.

2. To immorality.
 3. To religious declension.
 4. To doubt their acceptance with God.
 5. To entertain fears of God's desertion.
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47. *Waiting for God.*

Isa. xxx. 18: Blessed are all they that wait for him.

I. THE NATURE OF THE WAITING.

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| 1. In faith. | 3. In patience. |
| 2. In hope. | 4. In preparation. |

II. ITS BLESSEDNESS.

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| 1. Present. | 2. Future. |
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48. *What Lack I?*

Matt. xix. 20: All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

I. EXAMINE THIS YOUNG MAN'S BOAST.

1. An exact obedience.
2. An extensive obedience.
3. A constant obedience.

II. SHOW WHAT HE LACKED.

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| 1. A sense of guilt. | 3. A new heart. |
| 2. Faith in Christ. | 4. Self-denial. |
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49. *The Christian Paradox.*

Phil. ii. 12, 13: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

1. Salvation is already accomplished for us, and yet we are to work it out.

2. God works all in us, and yet we all have to work.
3. Salvation is secured to us, and yet we are to fear and tremble.

50. *Prayer.*

Luke xi. 1 : Lord, teach us to pray.

1. Prayer should be founded on knowledge.
2. Prayer should be prompted by desire.
3. Prayer should be bounded by promise.

51. *Reconciliation.*

Col. i. 21 : And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.

I. THE ESTRANGEMENT.

1. Its cause—" *Wicked works.*"
2. Its seat—" *The mind.*"
3. Its result—(1) *Alienation*—(2) *Hostility.*

II. THE RECONCILIATION.

1. Between man and God.
2. Between man and man.
3. Between man and conscience.
4. Between man and duty.

52. *Experimental Evidence.*

Mal. iii. 10 : Prove me now, saith the Lord of Hosts.

I. WE OUGHT TO PROVE GOD.

1. We need a blessing.
2. He has promised a blessing.

II. HOW OUGHT WE TO PROVE HIM.

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| 1. In prayer. | 3. In the means of grace. |
| 2. With faith. | 4. In the way of duty. |

III. THE RESULT OF PROVING HIM.

1. Peace.
2. Joy.
3. Satiety.

53. *The Christian's Triumph.*

I Cor. xv. 54 : Death is swallowed up in victory !

I. IN WHAT THE VICTORY CONSISTS.

1. A gracious sense of pardon—*Removal of guilt*
2. The renewal of the heart—*Sin's power broken*

II. IN WHAT IT WILL CONSIST.

1. Over all the accompaniments of death.
2. Over the materiality of the body.
3. Over all the results of sin.

54. *Victory over Death.*

I Cor. xv. 56. 57 : The sting of death is sin ; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ !

I. THE ENEMY.

1. Its sting—"Sin."
2. Its strength—"The law."

II. THE VICTORY.

1. Gracious—"God giveth it."
2. Certain—"Christ's atonement secures it."
3. Assured—"His resurrection guarantees it."

III. THE THANKSGIVING.

1. By faith.
2. By the earnest of the Spirit.

55. "*Keep to the Right.*"

Eph. vi. 1: For this is right.

I. MOTIVE THE SPRING OF ALL HUMAN ACTION.

1. Good.
2. Bad.
3. Mixed.

II. MOTIVES THAT ARE UNWORTHY.

1. This is pleasant
2. This is popular.
3. This is profitable

III. THE ONE TRUE MOTIVE IN LIFE—*The Right*56. *To Follow is to Obey.*

Matt. viii. 19: And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

1. Christ calls all men to follow him.
2. Christian discipleship must be founded in intelligence.
3. Following Christ is obedience to his gospel.

57. *Schisms.*

1 Cor. i. 13: Is Christ divided?

1. In his person?
2. In his offices?
3. In his salvation?
4. In his Church?

58. *Christian Artlessness.*

2 Cor. xi. 3: The simplicity that is in Christ.

1. A simple submission to God's authority.
2. A simple reliance on Christ's merits.
3. A simple moral character.
4. A simple style of living.
5. A simple mode of worship.

59. *Lo, He Cometh!*

Jude 14, 15: Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

I. THE GENERAL JUDGMENT PREDICTED.

1. The Judge. 3. The importance of his coming.
2. His retinue. 4. The concomitants.

II. ITS DESIGN STATED.

1. To decide the eternal destinies of men.
 2. To vindicate the righteous character of God.
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60. *Acceptable Prayer.*

John v. 14: If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.

I. WE MUST ASK WITH THE RIGHT PURPOSE.

1. Not to inform God.
2. Not to change God.
3. For promised blessings.
4. To intercede for others.

II. WE MUST ASK IN THE RIGHT MANNER.

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| 1. Filial. | 3. Earnest. |
| 2. Simple. | 4. Confident. |
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61. *The Way to Win Men.*

2 Cor. v. 11: Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.

I. HOW DO WE PERSUADE MEN?

1. By arguments addressed to the judgment.
2. By addresses to the sensibilities.
3. By appeals to experience.

II. TO WHAT DO WE PERSUADE MEN?

1. To be reconciled to God.
2. To cease from sin.
3. To do good.
4. To go to heaven.

III. WHY DO WE PERSUADE MEN?

1. As exhibited in life.
 2. As revealed at death.
 3. As discovered in eternity.
 4. As admonished in mercy.
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62. *The Sufficiency of Christ.*

Col. i. 19: For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.

CHRIST'S MEDIATORIAL FULLNESS.

1. Fullness of merit.
 2. Fullness of wisdom.
 3. Fullness of strength.
 4. Fullness of salvation.
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63. *Manifestations to Love.*

John xiv. 21: He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.

I. THE ESSENCE OF TRUE RELIGION.

1. The knowledge of Christ's commandments.
2. The practice of Christ's commandments.
3. From a love of Christ's person.

II. THE REWARD OF TRUE RELIGION.

1. Consciousness of God.
2. Peace with God.
3. Fellowship with God.

64. *Profession Tried.*

Matt. xxii. 11-14: And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment, etc.

1. A visit—"When the king came."
 2. A scrutiny—"He saw a man."
 3. An interrogation—"How camest thou in?"
 4. Conviction—"He was speechless."
 5. Bondage—"Bind him hand and foot."
 6. Exclusion—"Cast him into outer darkness."
 7. Torment—"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
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65. *God the Best Father.*

Matt. vii. 11: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.

I. THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD.

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| 1. Watchfulness. | 3. Protection. |
| 2. Providence. | 4. Self-sacrifice. |

II. ITS SUPERLATIVENESS.

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| 1. The wisest. | 3. The nearest. |
| 2. The kindest. | 4. The mightiest. |
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66. *Patient Continuance Rewarded.*

Gal. vi. 9: Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

I. THE DUTY.

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| 1. Not a profession. | 3. Nor performances. |
| 2. Nor feelings. | 4. But a life. |

II. THE EXHORTATION.

1. A knowledge implied.
2. A danger implied.

I.I. THE REASON.

1. A certain harvest—"In due season."
2. A glorious harvest.
3. An eternal harvest.

67. *Looking to Jesus.*

Isa. xlv. 22 : Look unto me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth.

I. THE OBJECT OF OUR LOOK.

1. Looking to Jesus, we see man as he is.
2. Looking to Jesus, we see man as he should be
3. Looking to Jesus, we see God in his fullness.

II. THE MANNER OF LOOKING.

1. Simply—*Not at Christianity, but at Christ.*
2. Earnestly.
3. Constantly.

III. THE EFFECTS OF A LOOK.

1. Salvation.
2. Transformation.

68. *Faith Produces Certainty.*

2 Tim. i. 12 : For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him, against that day.

.. THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST

1. Received by faith.
2. Assured by experience.
3. Strengthened by the experience of saints.

II. ITS EFFECT ON THE LIFE.

1. It corroborates our faith.
 2. It assures us of security.
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69. *The Call to Repentance.*

Mark ii. 17: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

I. CHRIST DOES NOT CALL THE RIGHTEOUS.

1. There are none to call.
2. If there are, they need neither call nor repentance.

II. CHRIST DOES CALL SINNERS.

1. Conscious sinners.
2. All sinners.

III. CHRIST CALLS SINNERS TO REPENTANCE.

1. Christ's call an invitation, not a command.
 2. Christ's call conditional, not absolute.
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70. *Spiritual Worship.*

John iv. 23: But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

I. WE MUST WORSHIP GOD IN HIS TRUE NATURE.

1. Personality.
2. Unity.

II. WE MUST WORSHIP HIM IN THE RIGHT RELATION.

1. Our Father.
2. Reconciled.

III. WE MUST WORSHIP HIM IN THE RIGHT MANNER.

1. In spirit—*Opposed to place, ceremonies—Formality.*
2. In truth—*Through the medium of Christ the truth.*

71. *Self-Mastery.*

1 Cor. ix. 25 : And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

I. THE CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS IN THIS STRIFE.

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| 1. Moderation. | 3. Activity. |
| 2. Concentration. | 4. Courage. |

II. THE VICTOR'S GARLAND.

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| 1. Precious. | 2. Imperishable. |
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72. *Heaven on Earth.*

Eph. i. 13, 14 : Ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance.

I. THE MODE OF THE SPIRIT'S OPERATION — *A sealing.*

1. Contact.
2. Impression.
3. Similitude.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SEALING—*The earnest.*

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| 1. A sample. | 2. A pledge. |
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73. *The Lord's Supper.*

1 Cor. xi. 23-26 : For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, etc.

I. THE NATURE OF THE ORDINANCE.

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| 1. A covenant. | 2. A seal. |
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II. THE DESIGN OF THE ORDINANCE.

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| 1. Commemoration. | 3. Consecration. |
| 2. Confession. | 4. Communion. |

74. *A Curse Changed to a Blessing.*

Zech. viii. 13 : And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel ; so I will save you, and ye shall be a blessing.

I. SINNERS ARE A CURSE.

1. Accursed of God.
2. A curse to themselves.
3. A curse to others.

II. SINNERS MAY BE SAVED.

1. By the promise of God.
2. Through the mediation of Christ.
3. By the condition of faith.

III. AND BECOME A BLESSING.

1. To themselves.
 2. To others.
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75. *The Heavenly State.*

Col. i. 12 : The inheritance of the saints in light.

I. THE PLACE—"The inheritance."

1. A real world.
2. A heritage

II. ITS INHABITANTS—"The Saints."

1. Their number.
2. Their purity.
3. Their dignity.
4. Their employments.

III. THEIR CONDITION—"In light."

1. Knowledge.
2. Perfection.
3. Development.

76. *The Christian Conqueror.*

Rev. xxi. 7: He that overcometh shall inherit all things.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S ENEMIES.

1. The world.
2. A treacherous heart.
3. Spirits of evil.

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S AIDS.

1. Prayer.
2. The promises.
3. Christian fellowship.

III. THE CHRISTIAN'S REWARD.

1. A glorious inheritance.
 2. An everlasting inheritance.
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77. *The End of the World.*

1 Pet. iv. 7: But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

I. THE EVENT CONTEMPLATED.

1. The end of earthly pursuits.
2. The end of human grandeur.
3. The end of probation.
4. The end of opportunities.

II. THE DUTIES ENJOINED.

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| 1. Restraint of appetites. | 3. Expectation. |
| 2. Watchfulness. | 4. Prayer. |
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78. *The Wanderer from God.*

Gen. iii. 9: And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him,
Where art thou?

I. WHERE IS MAN?

1. Distant from God.
2. In terror of God.
3. In delusion about God.
4. In danger from God.

II. GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIM.

1. His condition involves evil—*God is holy.*
2. His condition involves suffering—*God is love.*

III. GOD'S DEALINGS WITH HIM.

1. In the aggregate—"Adam," *the genus.*
2. Personally—"Where art thou?"

79. *The Two Ways.*

Matt. vii. 13, 14: Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat, etc.

1. Consider the two gates.
2. Consider the two conditions of entrance.
3. Consider the two destinies.

80. *The Christian Crucified.*

Gal. ii. 20: I am crucified with Christ.

I. WHAT IS THIS CRUCIFIXION?

1. A death to the world.
2. A death to the law.
3. A death to the flesh.
4. A death to sin.

II. HOW IS IT EFFECTED?

1. The instrument—*Faith.*
2. The power—*The Divine Spirit.*

81. *The Gospel makes a Stir.*

Acts xix. 23: And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

I. THE GOSPEL IS A PECULIAR SYSTEM.

1. It is a peculiar way of thinking.
2. It is a peculiar way of feeling
3. It is a peculiar way of acting.

II. THE STIR WHICH THAT WAY PRODUCES.

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| 1. Excitement. | 3. Prayer. |
| 2. Inquiry. | 4. Activity. |
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82. *Christ's Love Paramount.*

Matt. x. 37: He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

I. THE CLAIM OF CHRIST TO OUR LOVE IS SUPERIOR TO OUR RELATIONS.

1. He is more excellent.
 2. He has loved us longer.
 3. He has done more for us.
 4. Our relation to him will outlive all others.
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83. *Temples of the Most High.*

Acts vii. 48: Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

1. God's Church is not built of gold and silver—
Worldly power.
2. God's Church is not built of wood and stone—
Mechanical service.
3. God's Church is not built of parchment or paper
—*Creeds and governments.*
4. God's Church is built of living hearts—*In faith, hope and love.*

84. *Rest in God.*

Heb. iv. 9, 10: There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

I. THE DIVINE REST.

1. Active.

2. Tranquil.

II. A TYPE OF OUR EARTHLY LIFE.

1. A rest from desire.

3. A rest from doubt.

2. A rest from passion.

4. A rest from fear.

III. A PROPHECY OF OUR HEAVENLY LIFE.

1. An active rest.

2. A perfect rest.

3. An eternal rest.

85. *Spiritual Manifestations Needless.*

Mark xvi. 31: If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.

1. What better evidence could he give of a Divine mission than Moses and the prophets?

2. What more important truths could he divulge than Moses and the prophets?

3. What more powerful motives could he present than Moses and the prophets?

86. *The Soul's Portion.*

Ps. cxix. 57: Thou art my portion, O Lord.

1. God is an ever-present portion.

2. God is an accessible portion.

3. God is a soul-satisfying portion.

4. God is an unchanging portion.

5. God is an everlasting portion.

87. *The Soul's Rest.*

Ps. cxvi. 7: Return unto thy rest, O my soul.

I. IN WHAT SENSE IS GOD THE SOUL'S REST?

1. Repose in doubt. 3. Sufficiency in want.
2. Refuge from fear. 4. The centre of affection.

II. WHEN OUGHT WE TO ADOPT THIS LANGUAGE?

1. When we feel inclined to depart from God.
2. When we have really backslidden from him.
3. When we have received special benefits from him.

88. *Nearer to Thee!*

Ps. lxiii. 8: My soul followeth hard after thee.

I. CONSIDER THIS STATE OF MIND.

1. A persuasion that God alone is the soul's portion.
2. A choice of God as the soul's portion.
3. Ardent desires after fellowship with God.
4. The use of all means appointed for this communion.

II. THE REASONS FOR ITS CULTIVATION.

1. It is a safeguard against temptation.
2. It is a stimulus to devotion.
3. It imparts an impulse to do good.
4. It makes service a pleasure.

89. *Purity.*

Matt. v. 8: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

I. WHAT IS THIS PURITY?

1. Internal.
2. Spiritual.

II. WHO ARE THE PURE IN HEART?

1. Those whose intentions are sincere.
2. Those whose desires are unmixed.
3. Those whose affections are consecrated.
4. Those whose wills are resigned.

III. WHAT IS THEIR BLESSEDNESS?

1. A present sight of God—*By faith*.
 2. The eternal beatific vision—*Face to face*.
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90. *Invitations to Burdened Souls.*

Matt. xi. 28: Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

I. MAN'S NATURAL CONDITION.

1. Worked.
2. Burdened.

II. CHRIST'S INVITATION.

1. Its freeness.
2. Its comprehensiveness

III. HIS PROMISE.

1. Rest from sin.
 2. Rest from works.
 3. Rest from doubts and fears.
 4. Rest in heaven.
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91. *The Sleeper Aroused.*

Rom. xiii. 11: And that knowing the time, that now therefore it is high time to awake out of sleep.

I THE SINNER'S SLEEP.

1. A state of forgetfulness.
2. Misapprehension.
3. Fancied security.
4. Fleshly delight.

II. THE EXHORTATION.

1. It implies an altered view of things.
2. Voluntary effort.
3. Energy.
4. Compliance with terms.

III. THE REASON.

1. Life is fleeting.
2. Judgment is near.
3. God is calling

92. *God with his People.*

Ex. xxxiii. 14 : My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

I. THE JOURNEY.

1. From bondage.
2. In a wilderness.
3. Among enemies
4. Going home !

II. THE COMPANY.

1. Divine.
2. Visible.
3. Continual.
4. Cheering.

III. THE REST.

1. Tranquil.
2. Perfect.
3. Godlike.
4. Eternal.

93. *Children Belong to Christ.*

John xxi. 15 : Feed my lambs.

I. THE RELATION WHICH CHILDREN BEAR TO CHRIST.

1. Members of his flock.
2. Examples for the Church.
3. Heirs of immortality.
- 4 Exposed to danger

II. THE DUTY OF THE CHURCH TOWARD THEM.

1. Watchfulness.
2. Guidance.

III. CONSIDERATIONS WHICH SHOULD ENFORCE THE DUTY.

1. Christ's command.
 2. His example.
 3. The interest of angels in them.
 4. The warning against offending them.
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94. *The Blessing of the Upright.*

Ps. lxxxiv. 11 : For the Lord God is a sun and shield : the Lord will give grace and glory : no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

I. WHO ARE THE UPRIGHT ?

1. The innocent.
2. The righteous.
3. The perfect.
4. The progressive.

II. WHAT GOD IS TO THEM.

1. A sun—*To enlighten—To guide—To comfort.*
2. A shield—*To defend—To inspire courage.*

III. WHAT GOD DOES FOR THEM.

1. His favor in life.
 2. His support at death.
 3. Eternal glory in heaven.
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95. *Education.*

Prov. xxii. 6 : Train up a child in the way he should go.

I. THE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION.

1. The susceptibility of childhood.
2. The durability of impressions.

II. THE ART OF EDUCATION.

1. The discipline of the will—*By precept.*
2. The discipline of the conscience—*By example.*

III. THE RELIGION OF EDUCATION.

1. Right views of God.
2. Obedience to his will.
3. Love of his character.

96. *Dust to Dust.*

Gen. iii. 19: Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

I. MAN'S ORIGIN.

1. How wonderful!
2. How humbling!

II. MAN'S DOOM.

1. Inevitable.
3. Partial.
2. Just.
4. Temporary.

97. *Nothing Trifling.*

Zech. iv. 10: For who hath despised the day of small things?

I. NATURAL TRIFLES YIELDING GREAT RESULTS.

1. The seed.
3. The mountain stream.
2. The spark.
4. The child.

II. PROVIDENTIAL TRIFLES ISSUING IN GREAT LIVES.

1. Scripture examples—*Joseph, Moses, Daniel.*
2. Secular—*Napoleon, Cromwell.*

III. HISTORICAL TRIFLES PRODUCING GREAT REVOLUTIONS.

1. Introduction of the gospel.
2. The Reformation.
3. Denominational beginnings.
4. Miss'inary enterprises.

98. *Consecration to God.*

Prov. xxiii. 26: My son, give me thine heart.

I. HOW WE SHOULD GIVE OUR HEARTS TO GOD.

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| 1. Sincerely. | 3. Entirely. |
| 2. Freely. | 4. Continually. |

II. WHY WE SHOULD GIVE OUR HEARTS TO GOD.

1. He demands it.
 2. He has a right to it.
 3. He is worthy of it.
 4. It is our interest to give it.
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99. *The Light of the Gospel.*

John ii. 8: The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

I. THE DARKNESS OF THE PAST.

1. The darkness of heathenism.
2. The darkness of Judaism.
3. The darkness of a corrupt Christianity.

II. THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT.

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| 1. The Bible. | 3. Education. |
| 2. Preaching of the Word. | 4. The press. |

III. THE GLORY TO BE REVEALED.

1. Universal progress.
 2. Universal brotherhood.
 3. Universal prevalence of Christianity.
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100. *Christ's Gifts.*

John xiv. 27: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

I. WHAT THE WORLD GIVES. | WHAT CHRIST GIVES.

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| 1. Trifles. | 1. Valuables. |
| 2. Superfluities. | 2. Indispensables. |

II. HOW THE WORLD GIVES. | HOW CHRIST GIVES.

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| 1. Reluctantly. | 1. Cheerfully. |
| 2. Niggardly. | 2. Liberally. |
| 3. Rarely. | 3. Constantly. |
| 4. For advantage. | 4. Disinterestedly. |
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101. *Christ our Advocate.*

1 John ii. 1: And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1. Jesus Christ is a skillful advocate.
 2. Jesus Christ is a compassionate advocate.
 3. Jesus Christ is a faithful advocate.
 4. Jesus Christ is a powerful advocate.
 5. Jesus Christ is an earnest advocate.
 6. Jesus Christ is an authoritative advocate.
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102. *Adoption.*

Gal. iv. 5: That we might receive the adoption of sons.

I. WHAT ADOPTION IS.

1. Removal to a new family.
2. New family obligations.
3. New family ties.
4. New family privileges.

II. WHAT ITS PRIVILEGES ARE.

1. Fatherly affection.
2. Fatherly protection.
3. Fatherly correction.

103. *Belonging to Christ.*

1 Cor. i. 12 : I of Christ.

WHAT THESE WORDS SIGNIFY.

1. To own his essential dignity.
 2. To acknowledge his divine mission.
 3. To believe in his doctrines.
 4. To rely on his sacrifice.
 5. To love his person.
 6. To obey his will.
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104. *An Indwelling Christ.*

Eph. iii. 17 : That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.

I. MISTAKEN VIEWS OF THIS INDWELLING.

1. That it is nominal.
2. That it is figurative.
3. That it is imaginary.
4. That it is emotional.

II. WHAT THIS INDWELLING IS.

1. It is the result of realizing faith.
 2. It is the result of his manifested love.
 3. It is the result of his communicated Spirit.
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105. *The Perfection of God's Word.*

Ps. xix. 7 : The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.

1. Its inherent perfection—*What it is.*
2. Its realized perfection—*What it does*

106. *Admission Free.*

John x. 9: I am the door: by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

I. CHRIST'S OFFICE DESCRIBED.

1. He is the only door of admission to Gospel blessings.
2. He is the only door of admission to the communion of the Church.
3. He is the only door of admission to the happiness of heaven.

II. HIS PEOPLE'S BLESSINGS.

1. Perfect safety.
 2. True liberty.
 3. Abundant provision.
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107. *Christ's Glory given to his People.*

John xvii. 22: The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them.

I. CHRIST'S GLORY.

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| 1. Sonship. | 3. Perfection of attributes. |
| 2. Union with God. | 4. Kingly authority. |

II. HIS PEOPLE'S GLORY.

1. They are sons of God.
 2. They are one with Christ.
 3. They reflect his nature.
 4. They are kings and priests.
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108. *God for our Father.*

Deut. xxxii. 6: Is not he thy Father?

1. If God is our Father, we ought to resemble him.

2. If God is our Father, we will have a family resemblance.
 3. If God is our Father, we will keep up a family correspondence.
 4. If God is our Father, we shall inherit the family mansion.
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109. *Sons and Christ.*

Gal. iv. 7: And if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

1. According to earthly laws, the father must die before the son inherits—*Christians are heirs while the Father "ever liveth."*
 2. Here the heir dying loses his inheritance—*Christians gain the inheritance through death.*
 3. Here the multiplication of heirs diminishes the inheritance—*The Christian's inheritance is augmented by it.*
 4. Here the inheritance passes from hand to hand—*The Christian's inheritance not transferable.*
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110. *Effectual Prayer.*

James v. 16: The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1. The character of an evangelical man—*Righteous.*
2. The nature of his prayer—*Inwrought—Energetic.*
3. The effect of his prayer—*Availing—Availing much.*

III. *Eternal Pain.*

Luke xvi. 23 : And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments.

I. THE TORMENTS OF THE LOST ARE SELF-INFLICTED.

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| 1. Unsatisfied desires. | 3. Despair. |
| 2. Awakened conscience. | 4. Memory. |

II. THERE ARE ALSO TORMENTS DIVINELY INFLICTED.

1. External circumstances.
2. A sense of wrath.

II2. *Idolatry.*

1 John v. 21 : Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

HISTORY AND FORMS OF IDOLATRY.

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| 1. Nature-worship. | 4. Mammon-worship. |
| 2. Hero-worship. | 5. Self-worship. |
| 3. Pleasure-worship. | |

II3. *Gospel Righteousness.*

Matt. v. 20 : Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE PHARISEES.

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| 1. Orthodox. | 3. Moral. |
| 2. Democratic. | 4. Zealous. |

II. ITS DEFECTIVENESS.

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| 1. Superstitious. | 2. Servile. |
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III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS COMMANDED.

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| 1. Personal. | 3. Originating in love. |
| 2 Through faith. | |

114. *Come and Welcome.*

Rev. xxii. 17: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

I. THE WATER OF LIFE.

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| 1. Necessary. | 4. Satisfying. |
| 2. Abundant. | 5. Cleansing. |
| 3. Free. | 6. Precious. |

II. WHO ARE INVITED?

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| 1. The thirsty. | 2. The willing. |
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III. WHAT INFLUENCES ARE USED?

1. The Spirit of God.
 2. The Church of Christ.
 3. Individual hearers.
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115. *The Culture of the Heart.*

Hos. x. 12: Break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

I. THE FIGURE EMPLOYED.

1. Naturally unproductive.
2. Obdurate.
3. Fruitful in weeds.

II. THE MEANS TO BE USED.

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| 1. Consideration. | 2. Repentance. |
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III. THE REASON ASSIGNED.

1. Indecision is inconsistent.
2. It is presumptuous to defer.
3. It is dangerous
4. Now 's God's time.

116. *Duties to our Children.*

1 Chron. xxviii. 9, 10: And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him, etc.

1. We should transmit the knowledge of God to our children.
 2. We should enjoin the service of God upon our children.
 3. We should indicate God's modes of dealing to our children.
 4. We should bequeath the intentions which we cannot fulfill, to our children.
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117. *Lustrous Christians.*

Matt. v. 16: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1. Every man has a light peculiar to himself.
 2. There is a right way of shedding light.
 3. Men are to see the works, not the worker.
 4. Men are affected by what they see.
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118. *Hidden Treasure.*

Matt. xiii. 44: The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found he hideth, and for joy thereof, goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field.

1. Treasures are of different values.
2. Spiritual treasures the most valuable.
3. The greatest spiritual treasure is the Gospel.
4. Its attainments should lead to a surrender of inferior treasures.

119. *The Spirituality of God.*

John iv. 24: God is a Spirit.

I. THE DOCTRINE TAUGHT

1. An immaterial Being.
2. A thinking Being.
3. The Supreme Intelligence.

II ITS USES.

1. It teaches us what conceptions to form of God.
 2. It directs us in our worship of him.
 3. It shows us wherein we should imitate him.
 4. It teaches us what blessings we may expect from him.
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120. *Convictions.*

John xvi. 8: And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin.

I. WHAT IS CONVICTION OF SIN?

1. A sense of its reality.
2. A sense of their number.
3. A sense of its guilt.
4. A sense of its danger.

II. WHAT FEELINGS DOES IT PRODUCE?

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| 1. Shame. | 3. Self-condemnation. |
| 2. Sorrow. | 4. Self-abandonment. |
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121. *The Glory of the Gospel.*

1 Cor. iii. 10: For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

I. THE CHARACTER OF THE MOSAIC DISPENSATION.

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| 1. Sensuous. | 4. Transitory. |
| 2. Staticary. | 5. Shadowy. |
| 3. Artificial. | 6. Dangerous. |

II. THE EXCELLENT GLORY OF THE GOSPEL.

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| 1. Spiritual. | 4. Immortal. |
| 2. Progressive. | 5. Luminous. |
| 3. Intrinsic. | 6. Inviting. |
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122. *The Mercy of God.*

Ps. ciii. 8: Plenteous in mercy.

GOD'S REVELATION OF HIS NATURE.

1. Reason cannot assure us of it.
 2. Providences do not prove it.
 3. The Scriptures declare it.
 4. The gift of Christ demonstrates it.
 5. The experience of penitents confirms it.
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123. *Sonship.*

Rom. viii. 17: If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

1. No inheritance without sonship.
 2. No sonship without a spiritual birth.
 3. No spiritual birth without Christ.
 4. No Christ without faith.
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124. *Measure for Measure.*

Matt. vii. 1: Judge not, that ye be not judged.

I. THE JUDGMENT THAT IS CONDEMNED.

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| 1. Partial judgment. | 3. Censorious judgment |
| 2. Suspicious judgment. | 4. Malicious judgment. |

II THE JUDGMENT WE SHALL INCUR.

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| Divine. | 2. Retributive. |
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125. *The Dying Christian.*

Acts vii. 60 : And when he had said this he fell asleep.

1. The dying Christian commends his soul to heaven.
 2. The dying Christian commits his body to the earth.
 3. The dying Christian entrusts his friends to the Divine protection.
 4. The dying Christian consigns his enemies to the Divine compassion.
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126. *Light-Bearers.*

Matt. v. 14 : Ye are the light of the world.

- I. EXPLAIN THE SYMBOL.
 1. Light is an emblem of purity.
 2. Light is an emblem of knowledge.
 3. Light is an emblem of action.
 4. Light is an emblem of unity.
 5. Light is an emblem of benevolence.
 - II. ENFORCE THE DOCTRINE.
 1. The test of discipleship.
 2. The criterion at the judgment.
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127. *A Call to Decision*

Josh. xxiv. 15 : And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve.

- I. THE CHARACTER OF GOD'S SERVICE.

1. Voluntary	4. Delightful.
2. Arduous.	5. Honorable.
3. Responsible.	6. Profitable.

II. THE SINNER'S OBJECTIONS.

1. It is difficult.
2. It is unmanly.
3. It is too strict.

III. THE EXHORTATION TO DECISION.

1. Necessity of promptness.
 2. Necessity of publicity.
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128. *Outward and Inward Godliness.*

2 Tim. iii. 5: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

I. THE FORM.

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| 1. Profession. | 3. Formal prayer. |
| 2. Ritualism. | 4. External morality. |

II. THE POWER.

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| 1. Godlike thoughts. | 3. Godlike tempers. |
| 2. Godlike affections. | 4. Godlike life. |

III. HOW THE POWER MAY BE DENIED.

1. Theoretically.
 2. Practically.
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129. *Immortal Hope.*

1 Pet. i. 3, 4: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, etc.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE.

1. Its source—*God's "abundant mercy."*
2. Its instrumentality—"Resurrection of Christ."
3. Its character—"A lively hope."

II. ITS GLORIOUS OBJECT.

1. An incorruptible inheritance.
 2. A holy inheritance.
 3. An eternal inheritance.
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130. *Heavenly Things Revealed.*

I Cor. ii. 9, 10: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.

I. THE NATURAL MAN CANNOT KNOW THE THINGS OF GOD.

1. Eternal truth is not perceived through sensation.
2. Eternal truth is not reached by hearsay.
3. Eternal truth is not discoverable by the heart.

II. HEAVENLY THINGS ARE MATTER OF REVELATION.

1. The Spirit of God revealing.
2. Man's spiritual faculty receiving.

III. THE CONDITIONS OF THIS REVELATION.

1. Love.
 2. Obedience.
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131. *Christ's Kingly Office.*

John xviii. 37: Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest (*truly*) that I am a king.

I. CHRIST'S QUALIFICATIONS AS A KING.

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| 1. Power. | 4. Condescension. |
| 2. Wisdom. | 5. Peaceableness. |
| 3. Beneficence. | 6. Rectitude. |

II. THE NATURE OF HIS KINGDOM.

1. It is spiritual in its constitution.
 2. Its subjects are spiritual men.
 3. Its design is man's salvation
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132. *Christ our Example.*

1 Pet. ii. 21: Leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

I. WHEREIN IS CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE?

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| 1. In his thoughts. | 3. In his temper. |
| 2. In his sentiments. | 4. In his conduct. |

II. THE SUPERIORITY OF EXAMPLE TO PRECEPT.

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| 1. It is more plain. | 3. It is more animating. |
| 2. It is more pleasant. | 4. It is more persuasive. |
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133. *Ever the Same.*

Heb. xiii. 8: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever.

1. Unchangeable in his essence.
 2. Unchangeable in his perfections.
 3. Unchangeable in his offices.
 4. Unchangeable in his promises.
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134. *The Coming Kingdom.*

Dan. ii. 34, 35: Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces, etc.

A DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

1. Its origin is divine—"Without hands."
2. Its beginning was humble—"Stone cut out."

3. Its tendency is progressive—"The stone became a mountain."
 4. Its course is triumphant—"Smiting the image."
 5. Its spread is universal—"It filled the whole earth."
 6. Its duration is eternal—"It shall never be destroyed."
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135. *Love Attracting Sinners.*

Luke xix. 10: For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

- I. THE RELATION CHRIST ASSUMES.
 1. A divine nature.
 2. A perfect humanity.
 - II. THE OBJECTS OF HIS REGARD.
 1. The guilty.
 2. The miserable.
 - III. HIS METHOD OF CURE.
 1. Seeking by sympathy.
 2. Salvation by the contact of his life.
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136. *Christ the Subject of Preaching.*

I Cor. i. 22-24: For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, etc.

- I. THE METHOD OF PREACHING.
 1. Preaching is not an appeal to miraculous signs.
 2. Preaching is not the statement of a theological system.
 3. Preaching is the utterance of a simple fact.
- II. THE SUBJECT.
 1. Christ the manifestation of God.
 2. Christ the ideal of Humanity.

III. THE RESULT.

1. An experience of Christ's transforming power
 2. A practical knowledge of his doctrine.
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137. *The Wonder of Angels!*

1 Pet. i. 12 : Which things the angels desire to look into.

I. WHAT THINGS?

1. Christ's advent.
2. His sufferings.
3. His glory.

II. WHY?

1. To increase their knowledge of him.
 2. To aid their devotion to him.
 3. To gratify their benevolent sympathies.
 4. To confirm them in their love.
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138. *Almost and Altogether.*

Acts xxvi. 28 : Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

I. WHAT IS IT TO BE ALMOST A CHRISTIAN?

1. Mere knowledge of the way of salvation through Christ.
2. Mere conviction of the desirableness of embracing him.
3. Mere excitement concerning our relation to him.
4. Mere reformation of our outward lives.

II. WHAT IS IT TO BE ALTOGETHER A CHRISTIAN?

1. To believe in Christ's doctrines.
- 2 To rely on his atonement.
- 3 To love his person.
- 4 To practice his religion.

139. *Boundless Love*

John iii. 16 : For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- I. BEHOLD THE EXTENT OF GOD'S LOVE !
 1. View the subjects of it.
 2. View the gift itself.
 3. View the degree of Christ's sufferings.
 - II. BEHOLD ITS DESIGN !
 1. The world's salvation from sin
 2. The world's salvation from ruin.
 3. The world's salvation to life eternal.
 - III. BEHOLD THE PRINCIPLES WHICH GOVERN IT !
 1. Impartial.
 2. Conditional.
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140. *Healing of the Leper.*

Matt. viii. 2, 3 : And behold there came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will ; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

- I. AN ILLUSTRATION OF OUR CONDITION.
 1. A constitutional malady.
 2. A contaminating malady.
 3. Under a legal ban.
 4. Incurable by human power
- II. AN ILLUSTRATION OF OUR DUTY.
 1. Public humiliation.
 2. Worship of Christ's person.
 3. Acknowledgment of his power.
 4. Trust in his willingness.

III. AN ILLUSTRATION OF SALVATION.

1. Actual contact with Christ.
 2. His willingness declared.
 3. Immediate deliverance wrought.
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141. *The Exceeding Sinfulness of Sin.*

1 John ii. 1 : My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.

I. SET FORTH THE NATURE OF SIN.

1. A falling short of the demands of the law.
2. Acting in opposition to it.

II. SHOW THE EVIL OF IT.

1. It dishonors God in all his relations.
 2. It depraves the soul.
 3. It brings guilt on the conscience.
 4. It never exhausts itself.
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142. *Foundations.*

Matt. vii. 24-27 : Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock, etc.

1. All men are building.
 2. All builders have a choice of foundations.
 3. All foundations will be tried.
 4. Only one foundation will stand.
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143. *Repose in Christ.*

Matt. xi. 29 : Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

REST THE EFFECT OF MEEKNESS.

- 1 Passion is restless.

2. Selfishness is restless.
 3. Crime is restless.
 4. Ambition is restless.
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144. *Seeking the Kingdom.*

Matt. vi. 33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you.

1. The aim of true life—“*The kingdom of God.*”
 2. The business of true life—*Seeking the kingdom.*
 3. The inclusiveness of true life—“*All these things shall be added.*”
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145. *Meditation.*

Pa. xxxix. 3: While I was musing, the fire burned.

I. PROPER SUBJECTS OF MEDITATION.

1. The character of God.
2. His providential dealings.
3. The plan of salvation.
4. Our relation to God.
5. Our future.

II. THE BENEFITS OF MEDITATION.

1. The acquisition of religious power.
 2. The production of religious pleasure.
 3. The realization of religious hopes.
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146. *Heavenly Manifestations.*

Rev. xxi. 22: And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

1. All external mediums of worship will be abolished in heaven.

2. God will be manifested in his own personality.
3. That personality will be manifested in "the Lamb that was slain."

147. *Filial Duties.*

Ex. xx. 12: Honor thy father, and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

I. THE HONOR THAT IS DUE TO PARENTS.

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| 1. Affection. | 3. Obedience. |
| 2. Reverence. | 4. Support. |

II. THE BLESSINGS WHICH RESULT FROM IT.

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| 1. Earthly prosperity. | 2. Endless life. |
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148. *A Home Question.*

Acts xvi. 30: What must I do to be saved?

I. THE JAILER'S QUESTION A PERSONAL ONE.

1. An interesting question.
2. An important question.

II. HIS CONDUCT AN EXAMPLE.

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| 1. Simplicity. | 3. Penitence. |
| 2. Earnestness. | 4. Faith. |

149. *The Message of Salvation.*

Isa. lv. 6, 7: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

I. THE PERSONS ADDRESSED.

1. Actual transgressors—"The wicked."
2. Negative characters—"Unrighteous."

II. THE DUTY ENJOINED.

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| 1. A change of views. | 3. A search for God. |
| 2. A forsaking of sin. | 4. Importunity. |

III. THE REASONS ASSIGNED.

1. He is near.
2. He is discoverable.
3. He is kindly disposed.

150. *Love Covering Sin.*

1 Pet. iv. 8: And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

I. WHAT LOVE IS.

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| 1. A desire to give. | 2. A desire to bless |
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II. ITS PROPERTIES.

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| 1. Intense. | 2. Cultivable. |
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III WHAT IT DOES.

1. It attributes the best possible motive.
2. It makes allowances for infirmity.
3. It throws a cloak over failings.

151. *Thoughtfulness*

Deut. xxxii. 29: Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

1. Religion is wisdom.
2. Religion is understanding.
3. Religion is thoughtfulness.

152. *Sonship and Service.*

Matt. xxi. 28: Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.

- . A divine relation—"Son."

2. A divine call—"Go work."
 3. The divine time—"To-day."
 4. The divine sphere—"My vineyard."
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153. *No Limitation in God.*

Mic. ii. 7 : Is the Spirit of the Lord straitened ?

1. God's Spirit is not straitened with respect to time.
 2. God's Spirit is not straitened with respect to place.
 3. God's Spirit is not straitened with respect to persons.
 4. God's Spirit is not straitened with respect to means.
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154. *Life Lost in the Saving.*

Mark viii. 35 : For whosoever will save his life shall lose it.

- I. WHAT SORT OF LIFE MAY WE GAIN WITHOUT CHRIST ?
 1. Wealth.
 2. Pleasure.
 3. Honor.
 4. Fame.
- II. HOW IS THIS LIFE A LOSS WITHOUT CHRIST ?
 1. A burdened life.
 2. An inconstant life.
 3. A forfeited life.

155. *Eternal Life Gained.*

Mark viii. 35 : But whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

- I. WHAT MAY WE LOSE FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL?
 1. Reputation.
 2. Property.
 3. Liberty.
 4. Life.
 - II. WHAT COMPENSATION DOES CHRIST OFFER?
 1. Consolation in affliction.
 2. Substitution of real possessions.
 3. Moral freedom.
 4. Eternal joy.
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156. *The Admirable Book.*

Ps. cxix. 129 : Thy testimonies are wonderful ; therefore doth my soul keep them.

- I. THE EXCELLENCE OF GOD'S WORD.
 1. Its literary merit.
 2. Its intrinsic worth.
 3. Its adaptation to our wants.
 - II THE MANNER OF KEEPING IT.
 1. By reading it.
 2. By obeying it.
 3. By propagating it.
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157. *"Called to be Saints."*

1 Pet. i. 16 : Be ye therefore holy.

- I. THE NATURE OF HOLINESS.
 1. A crucifixion of self.
 2. Conformity to God's will.

II. ITS ATTAINABILITY.

1. Its warrant—*The types, prayers and promises of Scripture.*
2. Its mode—*Conviction—Consecration—Faith.*

III. ITS OBLIGATIONS.

1. The commands of God.
2. The character of God.
3. The plan of redemption.

158. *The Sacrifice of the Will.*

Gen. xxi. 1-14 : And it came to pass after these things that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham : and he said, Behold here I am, etc.

I. THE TRIAL.

1. Its real nature—*The will demanded.*
2. Its impressive circumstances.

II. ABRAHAM'S BEARING.

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| 1. Unostentatious. | 3. Trustful. |
| 2. Earnest. | 4. Disinterested. |

159. *An Immortal Group.*

1 Cor. xiii. 13 : And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity.

LOVE PORTRAYED WITH HER HANDMAIDS.

1. Her character—*Her inward feelings—Her outward demeanor—Her sympathies.*
2. Her companions—*Eagle-eyed Faith—Tranquil Hope.*
3. The perpetuity of the group—*Gifts and knowledge transitory.*

160. *The Marrow of the Gospel.*

Rom. v. 8: Christ died for us.

I. THE SUBJECT—"Christ."

1. His essential dignity. 2. His perfect character.

II. THE PREDICATE—"Died."

1. Voluntarily. 2. Ignominiously.

III. THE MOTIVE—"For us."

1. Substitution. 2. Expiation.

IV. THE OBJECTS—"Us."

1. Naturally insignificant.
2. Morally unworthy.

161. *Revelation.*

Ps. cxix. 18: Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I. THE DISCLOSURES OF GOD'S WORD.

1. God. 4. Providence.
2. Creation. 5. Heaven.
3. Man. 6. Hell.

II. THE EFFECTS OF GOD'S WORD.

1. Upon laws. 4. Upon manners.
2. Upon institutions. 5. Upon worship.
3. Upon literature. 6. Upon the heart.

162. *Now and Then.*

Ps. lxxiii. 24: Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

WHAT THESE WORDS IMPLY.

1. Thorough teaching. 4. Complete happiness.
2. Holy walking. 5. Final glory.
3. Perfect safety.

163. *Free Salvation.*

Rom. x. 13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

I. THE BLESSING.

1. Salvation from the guilt of sin.
2. Salvation from its power.
3. Salvation from its results.

II. THE DUTY.

1. To call upon God.
2. To call through the mediation of Christ.
3. To call by the aid of the Spirit.
4. To call with a disposition to be saved.

III. THE PROMISE.

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| 1. To all nations. | 3. To all conditions |
| 2. To all ranks. | 4. To all characters. |

164. *Seasonable Worship.*

Rev. i. 10: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

I. THE SEASON.

1. It is consecrated by the Lord's authority.
2. It commemorates the Lord's resurrection.
3. It is dedicated to the Lord's service.

II. THE WORSHIP.

1. Engaged in spiritual exercises.
2. Actuated by spiritual principles.
3. Enjoying spiritual influences.

165. *A Precious Saviour.*

1 Pet. ii. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious.

1. He has redeemed us with his precious blood.

2. He loves us with a precious love
 3. He justifies us through precious faith.
 4. He comforts us with precious promises.
 5. He sanctifies us by a precious union.
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166. *Secret Prayer.*

Matt. xiv. 23 : And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray.

1. The holiest life requires periods of prayerful repose.
 2. The busiest life can secure such periods.
 3. The usefulness of life is increased by such periods.
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167. *The Right Way.*

Ps. cvii. 7 : He led them forth by the right way.

- I. THE RIGHT WAY IS NOT ALWAYS A PLEASANT WAY.
 1. Long.
 2. Difficult.
 3. Lonely.
 4. Hazardous.
 - II. THE RIGHT WAY IS ALWAYS THE BEST WAY.
 1. God is our leader.
 2. Heaven is the goal.
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168. *How to Abound.*

Eph. iii. 19 : That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

- I. WHAT IS THIS FILLING OF THE HEART ?
 1. Its former lusts driven out.
 2. A gracious character imparted.
 3. A personal God in possession.

II. HOW MAY IT BE EFFECTED?

1. By being sensible of our emptiness.
 2. By panting after God.
 3. By the exercise of faith and love.
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169. *The Opened Fountain.*

John xiii 8: If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

1. All men are in a state of uncleanness.
 2. Christ is the only source of purity.
 3. A constant application to Christ is necessary in order to remain clean.
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170. *True and False Hope.*

Prov. x. 28: The hope of the righteous shall be gladness, but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

1. All men cherish some sort of hope.
 2. True hope ends in happiness.
 3. False hope ends in disappointment.
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171. *At Peace with God.*

Rom. viii. 1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

I THE CHRISTIAN'S STATE—"In Christ."

1. A vital union.
2. A visible union.

II THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER.

1. He walks not after the flesh—*Crucifixion—Regulation.*
2. He walks after the Spirit—*Guidance—Co-operation.*

III. THE CHRISTIAN PRIVILEGE—"No condemnation."

1. For past offences.
 2. For the corruption of his nature.
 3. For his defective service.
 4. For his involuntary errors.
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172. *Life Fleeting.*

Ps. xc. 12: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

- I. THE PROPER ESTIMATE OF LIFE.
 1. It is temporary.
 2. It is preparative.
 - II. THE TENDENCY TO NEGLECT THE COMPUTATION.
 1. Secular concerns.
 2. Repugnance to death.
 3. Dread of the future.
 - III. THE WISDOM OF A RIGHT ESTIMATE.
 1. It will moderate our earthly affections.
 2. It will reconcile us to our earthly afflictions.
 3. It will stimulate us to heavenly devotion.
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173. *Heaven Opened.*

Rev. vii. 9, 10: After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

A REVELATION OF HEAVEN.

1. The number of the redeemed—"Great multitude."

2. The diversity of the redeemed—"All nations," etc.
 3. The dignity of the redeemed—"Before the throne."
 4. The character of the redeemed—"White robes."
 5. The employments of the redeemed—"Triumphant song."
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174. *The Work of Sowing and Joy of Reaping.*

Eccles. xi. 1 : Cast thy bread upon the waters ; for thou shalt find it after many days.

THE CHRISTIAN HUSBANDMAN IN GOD'S FIELD.

1. He scatters the seed.
 2. He removes the obstacles to its growth.
 3. He waits from seed-time till harvest.
 4. He expects to reap.
 5. He depends on God's blessing.
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175. *How to be Saved.*

Acts xvi. 31 : Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

THE SINNER'S PRESCRIPTION.

1. It points out a fact—*Salvation.*
2. It points out a certain fact—"Thou SHALT."
3. It points out a personal fact—"THOU shalt."
4. It points out the cause of sa'vation—"Christ," "Jesus," "Lord."
5. It points out the instrument of salvation—"Be-
lieve."

176. *Self-Crucifixion.*

Gal. v. 24 : And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

1. Self-crucifixion is a subjugation of the appetites.
 2. Self-crucifixion is a regulation of the affections.
 3. Self-crucifixion is a surrender of the will.
 4. Self-crucifixion leads to a renunciation of merit.
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177. *Christ at the Door.*

Rev. iii. 20 : Behold I stand at the door and knock ; if any man will hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

I. THE FACT.

1. He knocks by his word.
2. He knocks by his providences.
3. He knocks by his Spirit's influence.

II. THE CONDITION.

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| 1. Willingness. | 2. Effort. |
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III. THE PROMISE.

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| 1. Union. | 2. Communion |
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178. *Waiting Without.*

Rev. iii. 20 : (See above).

I. THE HOUSE.

1. Originally beautiful.
2. Made for a palace.
3. Now ruined.

II THE APPLICANT.

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| 1. His person. | 3. His work. |
| 2. His posture. | 4. His design |

III. THE PROMISE.

1. Its terms.
2. Its freeness.
3. Its fullness.

179. *Made Rich by Poverty.*

2 Cor. viii. 9: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

I. CHRIST'S RICHES

1. Rich in divine attributes.
2. Rich in possessions
3. Rich in homage.

II. HIS POVERTY.

1. A needy birth.
2. A needy life.
3. A needy death.

III. THE RESULT.

1. Present riches.
2. Prospect of increase.
3. Riches of heaven.

180. *God's Service Chosen.*

Josh. xxiv. 15: But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

I. THE NATURE OF THIS CHOICE.

1. It acknowledged God's supremacy.
2. It implied renunciation of other lords.
3. It included the exercise of his influence on others.

II. THE REASONS FOR HIS CHOICE.

1. The superiority of God's service.
2. The advantages of God's service.

181. *Rejoice Evermore!*

Neh. viii. 10: The joy of the Lord is your strength.

I. THE CHRISTIAN IS A JOYFUL MAN.

1. God enjoins it.
2. His word promises it.
3. His Spirit inspires it.
4. His work produces it.
5. His nature shares it.

II. HIS JOY IS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH.

1. In his religious profession.
 2. In the exercise of his influence.
 3. In the discharge of his duties.
 4. In his temptations and trials.
 5. In the hour of death.
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182. *“What Think ye of Christ?”*

John xix. 5: Behold the man!

WITH WHAT FEELINGS WE MAY UTTER THESE WORDS.

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| 1. With mockery. | 3. With admiration. |
| 2. With pity. | 4. With faith. |
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183. *The Result of a Trifle.*

1 Kings xxii. 34: And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness.

THE LESSONS TAUGHT US IN THE TEXT.

1. God's providential dealings.
2. The truth of God's word.
3. The great results of apparent trifles.
4. The duty of personal effort.

184. *The Nature and the Name of God.*

1 John iv. 16: God is love.

I. EXHIBITED IN NATURE.

1. In the constitution of the universe.
2. In the constitution of man.

II. IN PROVIDENCE.

1. In general.
2. Over individuals.

III. IN REDEMPTION.

1. In the incarnation of Christ.
2. In his atonement.
3. In the application of the scheme.

185. *Take Heed!*

Acts xx. 28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.

I. TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES!

1. To your doctrine.
2. To your walk.

II. TAKE HEED TO THE FLOCK!

1. To its divine dignity.
2. To its human infirmity.

III. TAKE HEED TO THE WOLVES!

1. Those who threaten without.
2. Those who lurk within the fold.

186. *God's Word Exalted.*

Ps. cxxxviii. 2: Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

- 1 As the medium of his self-manifestation.
2. As the exposition of his government.
- 3 As the record of his will.

4. As the instrument of his power.
 5. As the revelation of his love.
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187. *Always a True Church.*

Matt. xvi. 18: And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

I. HELL'S INSTRUMENTS IN OPPOSING THE CHURCH.

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| 1. Superstition. | 4. Philosophy. |
| 2. Persecution. | 5. Heresy. |
| 3. Wealth. | 6. Infidelity. |

II. THE GLORIOUS PROMISE TO THE CHURCH.

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| 1. Preservation. | 2. Prevalence. |
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188. *God's Offspring.*

Gen. i. 27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.

GOD'S IMAGE IN MAN.

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| 1. Intelligence. | 4. Holiness. |
| 2. Power. | 5. Happiness. |
| 3. Freedom. | 6. Immortality. |
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189. *God's Rights.*

Mal. iii. 8: Will a man rob God?

I. HOW CAN A MAN ROB GOD?

1. By not loving him.
2. By not obeying him.
3. By not using our influence for him.
4. By not giving our all to him.

II. THE AWFUL NATURE OF THE SIN.

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| 1. Audacious. | 3. Desperate. |
| 2. Reckless. | 4. Ungrateful. |

190. *Confession of Faith.*

Rom. x. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

I. THE DIVINE ORDER OF SALVATION.

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| 1. Faith. | 2. Confession. |
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II. THE RESULT OF THIS ORDER.

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| 1. Righteousness. | 2. Salvation. |
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III. INFERENCES DEDUCED.

1. These requisites are a matter of present duty.
2. Unbelief and silence are sinful.

191. *Manifested Love.*

1 John iv. 9: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

I. THE NATURE OF GOD'S LOVE.

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| 1. Divine. | 4. Disinterested. |
| 2. Unchangeable. | 5. Unmerited. |
| 3. Everlasting. | 6. Costly. |

II. THE DESIGN OF GOD'S LOVE.

1. Spiritual life.
2. Life from the dead.
3. Eternal life in heaven.

192. *The Gospel a Revolution.*

Acts xvii. 6: These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.

I. THE GOSPEL CREATES A DISTURBANCE.

1. Internally—*In men's hearts.*
2. Externally—*In their social relations.*

II. THE OBJECT OF THIS DISTURBANCE.

1. Not the subversion, but the conversion of the world.
 2. Not the destruction, but the salvation of the world.
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193. *Precious Jewels.*

Mal. iii. 17: And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels.

I. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE HIS JEWELS.

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| 1. Their rarity. | 3. Their value. |
| 2. Their preservation. | 4. Their beauty. |

II. THEY ARE TO BE GATHERED AND MADE UP.

1. At the day of judgment he will collect them.
 2. In heaven they will be set as gems for his crown.
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194. *The Happy People.*

Ps. cxliv. 15: Happy is that people that is in such a case, yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord.

I. THE APPARENT CONDITION OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

1. A sorrowful people.
2. A disappointed people.
3. A restricted people.
4. A persecuted people.

II. THEIR REAL STATE.

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| 1. Uninterrupted peace. | 3. Holy freedom. |
| 2. Substantial joy. | 4. True prosperity. |

195. *The Home of the Soul.*

Ps. xc. 1: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

I. THE RELATION WHICH GOD BEARS TO HIS PEOPLE.

1. He is the source of their comfort.
2. He is their shelter in danger.
3. He is the home of the soul.

II. HOW WE SHOULD CONTEMPLATE THIS RELATION

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| 1. Gratitude. | 3. Confidence. |
| 2. Humility. | 4. Delight. |
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196. *Inducements to Pilgrimage.*

Num. x. 29: We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel.

I. THE JOURNEY.

1. Its outset.
2. Its aspect.
3. Its terminus

II. THE PROPOSAL.

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| 1. The invitation. | 2. The terms. |
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III. THE INDUCEMENTS.

1. Divine comfort.
2. Divine protection.
3. Divine direction.
4. Glorious prospects.
5. Triumph in death.
6. A home beyond the tide."

197. *Mysteries.*

1 Cor. ii. 14: But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I. MAN'S CLAIM TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL.

1. It is an unjust claim.
2. It is an unreasonable claim.
3. It is a useless claim.

II. HOW IT MAY BE COMPREHENDED.

By a loving heart.

198. *How to Die Well?*

Num. xxiii. 10: Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

I. HOW DO THE RIGHTEOUS DIE?

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| 1. In the favor of God. | 3. Tranquilly. |
| 2. In the love of Christ. | 4. Fitted for heaven. |

II. HOW MAY WE DIE THIS DEATH?

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| 1. Repent. | 3. Believe on Christ. |
| 2. Turn to God. | 4. Live righteously. |
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199. *The Entire Law.*

Deut. vi. 5: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

I. THE REASONS FOR THIS DUTY.

1. Because he is better than all others.
2. Because all other goodness comes from him.

II THE MANNER OF ITS PERFORMANCE.

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| 1. Willingly. | 3. Affectionately. |
| 2. Intelligently. | 4. Ardently. |

200. *The Incarnation.*

Luke ii. 14 : Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

1. The ultimate end of Christ's coming was the glory of God.
 2. The blessed effect of his coming was peace on earth.
 3. The only motive of his coming was good-will to men.
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201. *Gospel Provision.*

Luke xiv. 17 : Come, for all things are now ready.

I. THE GOSPEL FEAST.

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| 1. Gratuitous. | 3. Suitable. |
| 2. Abundant. | 4. Satisfactory. |

II. THE INVITATION.

1. It is urgent—*Come with an appetite.*
2. It is comprehensive—*Come with large expectations.*

III. THE REASON ANNEXED.

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| 1. The Entertainer. | 2. The entertainment. |
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202. *Fighting against God.*

Acts vii. 51 : Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost.

I. THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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| 1. Convincing. | 3. Admonitory. |
| 2. Entreating. | 4. Threatening. |

II. THE MEANS HE USES.

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| 1. The word. | 3. Conscience. |
| 2. Examples. | 4. Providential dealings. |

III. THE MODES OF RESISTING HIM.

1. Inattention.
 2. Procrastination.
 3. Contradiction.
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203. *The Heavenly Birth.*

John iii. 3: Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again (or from above), he cannot see the kingdom of God.

1. The nature of the new birth is explained.
 2. The Author of the new birth is announced.
 3. The possibility of the new birth is demonstrated.
 4. The necessity of the new birth is affirmed
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204. *Keep the End in View.*

Luke ix. 62: And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

I. WHAT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IMPLIES.

1. Entire consecration to Christ's service.
2. That special difficulties are incident to his service
3. That compensating grace is promised in his service.

II. WHAT LOOKING BACK IMPLIES.

1. A reflection upon Christ.
 2. A preference of the secular to the spiritual.
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205. *Speak, Lord!*

Ex. v. 2: What is the Lord, that I should obey his voice?

I. WHO IS THE LORD?

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| 1. Thy Creator. | 3. Thy Redeemer. |
| 2. Thy Benefactor | 4. Thy Governor. |

II. HOW MAY WE HEAR HIS VOICE?

1. In the works of nature.
 2. In the dispensations of Providence.
 3. In our spiritual perceptions.
 4. In the Bible.
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206. *I have Seen Better Days.*

Hos. ii. 7 : I will go and return to my first husband ; for ~~then it was~~ better with me than now.

WHAT THESE WORDS IMPLY.

1. That God is the love of the soul.
 2. A marriage between God and the soul.
 3. A violation of the marriage vow.
 4. An intention to renew the union.
 5. A persuasion of his willingness to forgive.
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207. *"We'll Rest in Thy Love."*

Ps. xxxvi. 7, 8 : How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God ! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house ; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

I. THE EXCELLENCE OF GOD'S LOVING-KINDNESS.

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| 1. Unmerited. | 3. Costly. |
| 2. Disinterested. | 4. Free. |

II THE DUTY IT IMPOSES.

1. Trust for preservation.
2. Trust for temporal supplies
3. Trust for spiritual graces.
4. Trust for final salvation.

III. THE HAPPINESS OF THOSE WHO TRUST IN IT.

1. Satisfaction in earthly communion.
2. Fullness of joy in heaven.

208. *The Shechinah in our Midst.*

Rev. xxi. 3, 4: Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.

I. THE CHARACTERS ALLUDED TO.

1. They belong to God by purchase.
2. They belong to God by occupation.
3. They belong to God by resemblance.

II. THEIR FUTURE BLESSEDNESS.

1. Communion with God.
2. The absence of uncertainties.
3. The absence of anxieties.
4. The absence of sorrows.
5. The absence of death.

209. *A Return Demanded.*

Ps. cxvi. 12: What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I. CONSIDER GOD'S BENEFITS.

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| 1. Creation. | 3. Redemption. |
| 2. Preservation. | |

II. CONSIDER THE QUESTION.

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| 1. His demands. | 3. Our insufficiency. |
| 2. His justice. | 4. Our gracious ability. |

210. *A Settled Religion.*

1 Cor. xv. 58 : Be ye steadfast.

I. WHAT IS STEADFASTNESS?

1. A good foundation.
2. A solid building

II. WHAT MUST WE BE STEADFAST IN?

1. In the principles of our religion.
2. In the profession of our religion.
3. In the practice of our religion.

211. *A Ready Reckoner.*

Psa. xc. 12 : So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

SPIRITUAL ARITHMETIC.

1. Add each day to the number of your graces.
2. Subtract each day from your sinful habits.
3. Multiply each day your endeavors after salvation.
4. Divide each day into its appropriate occupations.
5. Proportion each day your thankfulness to your mercies.

212. *Mind not Earthly Things.*

Col. iii. 2 : Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

I. WORLDLY THINGS SHOULD NOT ENGROSS US.

1. Because they are beneath us.
2. Because they are unsuited to us.
3. Because they cannot satisfy us.
4. Because they are unnecessary to us.

II. HEAVENLY THINGS ARE WORTHY OF OUR LOVE.

1. Because they are suitable to our natures.
 2. Because our relations are there.
 3. Because our treasure is there.
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213. *The Honor of Believers.*

John i. 12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believeth on his name.

I. FAITH IS A PERSONAL RECEPTION OF CHRIST.

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| 1. As our teacher. | 3. As our Saviour. |
| 2. As our Mediator. | 4. As our Sovereign. |

II. BELIEVERS IN CHRIST BECOME SONS OF GOD.

1. By regeneration.
 2. By adoption.
 3. By likeness.
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214. *Leaning on God.*

Prov. iii. 5, 6: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

I. THE TRUST ENJOINED.

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| 1. Undivided. | 3. Simple. |
| 2. Exclusive. | 4. Uniform. |

II. ITS NECESSITY IMPLIED.

1. Our understandings are fallible.
2. The way is hazardous.
3. False guides abound.

III. THE ASSURANCE GIVEN.

1. Directions of Providence.
 2. Direction of the word.
 3. Direction of the Holy Spirit.
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215. *The Spread of True Religion.*

Ps. xxii. 27 : All the ends of the world shall remember, and turn unto the Lord ; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

I. RELIGION DESCRIBED.

1. As an act of memory.
2. As an act of repentance.
3. As an act of worship.

II. ITS PREVALENCE FORETOLD.

1. It is already partially fulfilled.
 2. There is no improbability in its fulfillment.
 3. The Holy Spirit's agency will secure it.
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216. *A Wise Decision.*

Zech. viii. 23 : We will go with you ; for we have heard that God is with you.

I. A GOOD RESOLUTION.

1. To abandon former companions.
2. To unite with God's people.
3. To be identified with their principles.

II. A SUFFICIENT REASON.

1. The presence of God.
2. The protection of God.
3. Communion with God.

217. *The Spirituality of Heaven.*

Rev. xxi. 22: I saw no temple therein.

1. Heavenly worship needs no ritual.
2. Heavenly worship needs no institutions.
3. Heavenly worship is purely spiritual.

218. *Workmen Wanted!*

Mat. ix. 38: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

I. THE LABORERS.

1. They must be sent of God.
2. They must be furnished by Christ.
3. They must be thrust out with prayer.

II. THE LABOR.

1. To think for Christ
2. To speak for Christ.
3. To give for Christ.
4. To suffer for Christ.

219. *Judgment follows Disobedience.*

Prov. i. 24-26: Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh.

I. A MERCIFUL VISITATION.

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| 1. Call. | 3. Counsel. |
| 2. Entreaty. | 4. Reproof. |

II. A JUST COMPLAINT.

1. Neglect.
2. Refusal
3. Scorn.

III. AN AWFUL THREAT.

1. God's laws are unchangeable.
 2. He has plainly declared them.
 3. He is clear of the sinner's blood.
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220. *Profit and Loss.*

Matt. xvi. 26 : For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul ?

I. THE WORTH OF THE SOUL.

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| 1. Its nature. | 3. Its duration. |
| 2. Its capacities. | 4. Its purchase price. |

II. ITS LOSS.

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| 1. Loss of holiness. | 3. Loss of heaven. |
| 2. Loss of happiness. | 4. Loss of hope. |

III. THE QUESTION PROPOSED.

1. The gain is uncertain—*The loss inevitable.*
 2. The gain is imaginary—*The loss positive.*
 3. The gain is temporary—*The loss irretrievable*
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221. *Christ the Light of the World.*

Mal. iv. 2 : The Sun of righteousness.

1. Christ is the source of light.
2. Christ is the source of heat.
3. Christ is the centre of the spiritual world.
4. Christ is the centre of attraction.

222. *The Sabbath.*

Ezek. xx. 20: And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

I. THE DESIGN OF THE SABBATH.

1. An emblem of creation.
2. A memorial of redemption.
3. A covenant sign.
4. A foretaste of heaven.

II. ITS NECESSITY.

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| 1. Physical need. | 2. Moral influence. |
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III. ITS DUTIES.

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| 1. To God. | 3. To our families. |
| 2. To ourselves. | 4. To others. |

223. *The Day of the Lord.*

Rev. vi. 17: For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?

I. A SOLEMN OCCASION.

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| 1. A great assize. | 3. A great multitude. |
| 2. A great Judge. | |

II. AN EVENTFUL DAY.

1. A day of great pomp.
2. A day of great scrutiny.
3. A day of great results.
4. A day of great separations.

III. AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

1. Not the impenitent.
2. Nor the nominal Christian.
3. None without an advocate.

224. *A Father's Warning.*

Prov. i. 10: My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

I. THE ENTICERS OF YOUTH.

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| 1. From within. | 2. From without. |
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II. THE ENTICEMENTS.

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| 1. Pleasant. | 3. Deceitful. |
| 2. Alluring. | 4. Dangerous. |

III THE PRESCRIPTION.

1. Blunt refusal.
 2. Obstinate resistance.
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225. *Calvary.*

Luke xxiii. 33: There they crucified him.

1. The place—"THERE"—*Elevated—Public.*
 2. The agents—"THEY"—*Infernal—Malicious.*
 3. The crime—"CRUCIFIED"—*Painful—Ignominious.*
 4. The victim—"HIM"—*Divine—Saviour.*
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226. *The Wheat and Tares.*

Mal. iii. 18: Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not.

1. The human race may be divided into two classes.
2. The distinction is oftentimes obscured between them.
3. A time will come when the distinction will be visible.

227. *Trust and Longings.*

Ps. lxxiii. 24, 25 : Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

I. THE SAINT'S DELIGHT IN GOD.

1. He loves him above all in heaven.
2. He desires him more than all on earth.

II. HIS EXPECTATIONS FROM GOD.

1. Guidance.
 2. Glory.
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228. *Wanted, a Man!*

Jer. v. 1 : Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem and see now and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth ; and I will pardon it.

I. THE POPULAR IDEA OF A MAN.

1. Wealth.
2. Show.
3. Knowledge.
4. Force.

II. THE DIVINE IDEA.

1. One who seeks to know the truth.
2. One who seeks to do the right.

III. THE VALUE OF A MAN.

1. Divine capabilities in man.
 2. Salvation is accomplished through man.
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229. *Defections.*

Rev. ii. 4, 5 : Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works.

I. THE ACCUSATION.

1. A loss of interest in religion.

2. A loss of power.
 3. A growing worldliness.
 - II. THE ADMONITION.
 1. Retrospection.
 2. Repentance.
 3. Reformation.
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230. *Sinners Despicable.*

- I Sam. ii. 30: And they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed
- I. WHO ARE THOSE WHO DESPISE GOD?
 1. Those who extol anything above God.
 2. Those who prefer anything before him.
 - II. HOW ARE THEY DESPICABLE?
 1. They are put off with despicable things.
 2. They are employed in despicable business.
 3. They are delighted with despicable pleasures.
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231. *Waiting for Death.*

- Job xiv. 14: All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come.
- I. DEATH IS A CHANGE.

1. Of place.	3. Of opinions.
2. Of condition.	4. Of company.
 - II. HOW SHOULD WE WAIT FOR IT?
 1. Patience.
 2. Hopefulness.
 3. Readiness.

232. *How to Get Mercies.*

Matt. vii. 7 : Ask, and it shall be given you.

I. THE COMMAND—"Ask."

1. Whom?
2. What?
3. How?

II. THE PROMISE—"It shall be given you."

1. The thing asked for.
 2. Or something better.
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233. *God Exhibited.*

Isa. xl. 9 : Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God.

I. GOD MANIFESTED IN CREATION

1. Almightyness.
2. Wisdom.
3. Complacency.

II. EXHIBITED IN HIS ADMINISTRATION.

1. Perfection.
2. Holiness.

III. AS BEHELD IN REDEMPTION.

1. Pity.
 2. Self-sacrifice.
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234. *Christ our Life.*

John xi. 25 : I am the resurrection and the life.

I. HOW IS CHRIST THE RESURRECTION?

1. His atonement is the cause of it.
2. His life is a representative life.
3. His resurrection is the resurrection of our nature.

II. HOW IS CHRIST THE SOUL'S IMMORTALITY?

1. His resurrection revealed it.
2. His resurrection guaranteed it.

235. *Holiness to the Lord.*

Zech. xiv. 20, 21 : In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness to the Lord ; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts ; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein : and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

A PREDICTION OF EVANGELICAL HOLINESS.

1. It is conspicuous—“*The bells of the horses.*”
2. It is individual—“*Every pot.*”
3. It is permeating—*Embracing common transactions.*
4. It is attractive—“*All shall come.*”
5. It is diffusive—“*No more Canaanite.*”

236. *The Gift of Christ.*

2 Cor. ix. 15 : Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

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| 1. The Donor. | 3. The receivers. |
| 2. The donation. | 4. The gratitude due. |

237. *Absent from Blessings.*

John xx. 24 : But Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

A SCENE OFTEN REPRODUCED.

1. A gathering of the disciples.

2. An incomplete gathering.
 3. A gathering blessed with Jesus presence.
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238. *Tried Gold.*

Rev. iii. 18: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich.

I. THE FIGURE OF THE TEXT.

1. The words imply poverty.
2. True riches are spiritual.
3. They consist of pleasurable possession, with prospect of increase.
4. They will abide the severest test.

II. THE COUNSEL OF THE TEXT.

1. Its perspicuity.
 2. Its graciousness.
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239. *The Gospel Message.*

Acts xxvi. 18: Unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

THE OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

1. The instruction of men—"To open their eyes."
2. Their conversion—"To turn them," etc.
3. The proclamation of forgiveness—"That they may receive," etc.
4. And salvation by faith.

240. *Dissensions.*

Acts vi. 9 : Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

I. THE ORIGIN OF DISSENSIONS.

1. Different views of doctrines or measures.
2. Personal offence.
3. Party spirit.

II. THEIR INFLUENCE.

1. On the individual character.
2. On the Church.
3. On the world.

III. THE REMEDY.

1. Christian humility.
2. Christian faith.
3. Christian love.

241. *Coming in His Glory.*

Rev. i. 7 : Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him !

: CONSIDER THE PERSON OF THE JUDGE.

1. One who can sympathize—" *Very man.*"
2. One who will award justly—" *Very God.*"
3. One who is offended by sinners—" *Lamb of God.*"

II CONSIDER THE MODE OF HIS COMING.

- 1 With suddenness.
2. With clouds.
3. With a gorgeous retinue.

III. CONSIDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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| 1. The judged. | 3. The decisions. |
| 2. The accusers. | 4. The consequences. |
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242. *The Gospel Conspicuous.*

Isa. ii. 2 : And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills ; and all nations shall flow unto it.

I. THE COMING GLORY OF THE CHURCH.

1. A universal brotherhood.
2. A reign of love.
3. An age of progress.

II. SIGNS OF ITS APPROACH.

1. The accomplishment of prophecy.
 2. Dissemination of useful knowledge.
 3. The connection of minds by scientific discoveries.
 4. The extension of evangelical truth.
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243. *The Signs of the Times.*

Matt. xvi. 3 : Ye can discern the face of the sky ; but can ye not discern the signs of the times.

1. The difficulty of satisfying impracticable people.
2. The dangers of a half-educated sagacity.
3. The demand of Christianity to be judged by a wide induction of facts.

244. *No Fear with Christ.*

Matt. xiv. 27: But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

THE INFLUENCE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE UPON A
TROUBLED LIFE.

1. That presence dispels fear.
 2. That presence inspires joy.
 3. That presence secures safety.
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245. *God's Silence Mistaken.*

Ps. l. 21: These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself; but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

I. WHAT SINNERS THINK OF GOD.

1. That he is ignorant.
2. That he is forgetful.
3. That he is impotent.
4. That he is untrue.
5. That he is indifferent.

II. WHAT SINNERS MAY EXPECT FROM GOD.

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| 1. Reproof. | 3. Punishment. |
| 2. Conviction. | 4. Despair. |
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246. *Proofs of Love.*

1 John v. 3: For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.

THE PROPERTIES OF LOVE TO GOD.

1. Delight in God.
2. Sympathy with God.

3. A relish for his Word.
 4. A fondness for prayer.
 5. A love of God's worship.
 6. A desire to recommend Christ.
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247. *Love to our Neighbor.*

1 John iv. 7: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God

PROPERTIES OF LOVE TO MAN.

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| 1. Honesty. | 6. Artlessness. |
| 2. Generosity. | 7. Discretion. |
| 3. Concession. | 8. Courteousness. |
| 4. Peaceableness. | 9. Humility. |
| 5. Patience. | |
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248. *Christ's Nature.*

Matt. xxii. 42: What think ye of Christ?

I. AS TO HIS ORIGIN.

1. The Son of Man—*The ideal of humanity.*
2. The Son of God—*The Divine essence.*

II. AS TO HIS CHARACTER.

1. Absolutely perfect human — *Immaculate — Unique—Complete.*
2. The embodiment of the Divine perfections.

III. AS TO HIS OFFICES.

1. Our teacher.
2. Our Saviour.
3. Our king.

249. *Development.*

2 Pet. iii. 18: But grow in grace.

I. WHAT IS IMPLIED BY A GROWTH IN GRACE?

1. An increase in religious knowledge.
2. An increase in religious attainments.
3. An increase of faith in Christ.
4. An increase in love to God.

II. WHAT ARE THE EVIDENCES OF IT?

1. More actuated by principle.
 2. A deeper feeling of humility.
 3. A growing zeal for God's work.
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250. *The Ground-Work of the Gospel.*

Rom. v. 1: Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The nature of justification—*Pardon.*
 2. The instrument—"Faith."
 3. The procuring cause—"Jesus Christ."
 4. The consequence—"Peace with God."
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251. *Taught of Children.*

Matt. xxi. 16: Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise.

WHAT LESSONS WE MAY LEARN FROM CHILDREN.

1. A lesson of innocence.
2. A lesson of simplicity.
3. A lesson of trust.
4. A lesson of submission.

252. *Self-Conquest.*

Prov. xvi. 32 : He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city.

I. WHY IS THE HEART'S CONQUEST GREATER THAN THAT OF A CITY?

1. Because the enemy is more powerful.
 2. Because the conflict is more difficult.
 3. Because the victory is more noble.
 4. Because the prize is more glorious.
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253. *Acquaintance with God.*

Job xxii. 21 : Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace ; thereby good shall come unto thee.

I. WHAT IS IMPLIED IN THIS ACQUAINTANCE?

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| 1. Knowledge. | 3. Enjoyment. |
| 2. Love. | 4. Intercourse. |

II. THE MEANS FOR ATTAINING IT.

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| 1. The Word. | 3. Prayer. |
| 2. The Spirit's influence. | 4. Faith in Christ. |

III. THE TIME TO COMMENCE IT—"Now."

1. It is God's time.
2. It is the only certain time.

IV. THE BLESSED RESULT OF IT.

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| 1. Peace. | 2. Good. |
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254. *"A Home Beyond the Tide."*

Deut. xi. 31 : For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

I. OUR FUTURE POSSESSIONS.

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| 1. A gratuity. | 4. A land of plenty. |
| 2. A heritage. | 5. A land of promise. |
| 3. A rest from toil. | |

II. THE MODE OF OBTAINING IT.

1. Jordan must be crossed—*Inevitable*.
 2. Jordan will be divided—*Triumph*.
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255. *A Personal Advocate.*

1 John ii. 1, 2: My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins.

1. The rule of the Christian life—"That ye sin not."
 2. Encouragement in failure—*Christ's Advocacy*.
 3. The sufficiency of the encouragement—"Propitiation."
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256. *Backsliding.*

Jer. viii. 5: Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding?

1. HOW MAY WE KNOW IF WE ARE BACKSLIDING?

1. If we have lost pleasure in our secret duties.
2. If we excuse ourselves from attendance upon the means of grace.
3. If we feel unwilling to labor for Christ's cause.
4. If we indulge uncharitable feelings toward our brethren.

II. HOW MAY WE REMEDY IT?

1. By retrospection.
 2. By reflection.
 3. By re-consecration.
 4. By a present faith.
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257. *Departure from God.*

Prov. xiv. 14: The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways.

I. THE SOURCE OF BACKSLIDING.

1. The affections.
2. The will.

II. ITS CAUSES.

1. Remissness in duty.
2. Indulgence in sin.
3. Tampering with the world.
4. Speculative doubts.

III. ITS CURE.

1. Think of your former blessedness.
 2. Think of your present unhappiness.
 3. Think of the future judgment.
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258. *Messiah's Death.*

Dan. ix. 24: Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon the Holy City, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision, and prophecy, to anoint the Most Holy.

I. THE OBJECT OF CHRIST'S ATONEMENT.

1. The restraint of wickedness.
2. The destruction of sin.

3. The removal of obstacles to salvation.
4. The restoration of righteousness.
5. The accomplishment of types.

II. THE MODE OF ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

1. Substitution.
 2. Expiation.
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259. *The Acceptable Offering.*

Rom. xii. 1 : I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

THE SACRIFICE ENJOINED.

1. Its nature—*A thank-offering—Willing “present.”*
 2. Its motive—*Gratitude for “mercies.”*
 3. Its matter—*The entire man—“Bodies.”*
 4. Its qualities—*“Living”—“Holy.”*
 5. Its result—*“Acceptable.”*
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260. *Experimental Evidence.*

1 John v. 10 : He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.

1. The believer hath an inward witness of God's attitude toward him.
2. The believer has an inward witness of the efficacy of Christ to save him.
3. The believer has an inward witness of his actual reception by Christ.
4. The believer has an inward witness of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

261. *Where is thy God?*

2 Kings ii. 14: Where is the Lord God of Elijah?

I. WHAT KIND OF GOD WAS ELIJAH'S GOD?

1. He was a God that heard prayer.
2. He was a God that worked wonders.
3. He was a God that preserved his people.

II. WHERE IS HE NOW?

1. Why are prayers so seldom answered?
 2. Why are wonders so seldom wrought?
 3. Why is faith so little exercised?
 4. Why is so little prosperity enjoyed?
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262. *The Christian Soldier.*

2 Tim. ii. 3: Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

I. WHAT MAKES A GOOD SOLDIER?

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| 1. Skill. | 3. Valor. |
| 2. Prudence. | 4. Obedience. |

II. WHAT FOES MUST HE FIGHT?

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| 1. Inward. | 2. Outward. |
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III. HOW DOES HE CONQUER?

1. By drill.
 2. By discipline.
 3. By organization.
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263. *Never Fear.*

Isa. xlii. 5: Fear not; for I am with thee.

I. THE EXHORTATION.

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| 1. Fear not anxieties | 2. Fear not want. |
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| 3. Fear not enemies. | 5. Fear not perils. |
| 4. Fear not duties. | 6. Fear not death. |

II. THE PROMISE.

1. I am with thee to aid thee.
 2. I am with thee to comfort thee.
 3. I am with thee to guide thee.
 4. I am with thee to protect thee.
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264. *Glory in the Highest !*

Luke ii. 14 : Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

I. THE GLORY OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED.

1. The glory of his holiness.
2. The glory of his wisdom.
3. The glory of his goodness.

II. PEACE ON EARTH WAS PERFECTED.

1. Peace between God and man.
2. Peace between man and man.
3. Peace between man and his conscience.

III. GOOD-WILL TOWARD MEN WAS REVEALED.

1. In the acceptance of our persons.
 2. In the sanctification of our natures.
 3. In the consolation of our hearts.
 4. In the glorification of our humanity.
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265. *The One Thing Needful.*

Luke x. 42 : But one thing is needful, and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

1. There is only "one thing needful" to salvation "

2. That simple condition is Christ's righteousness.
 3. This we should choose, as Mary did.
 4. If we do choose it, we may obtain it.
 5. If we choose to retain it, neither earth nor hell can rob us of it.
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266. *The Heart of God Exposed.*

Luke xv. 4-6: What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness and go after that which is lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing, etc.

- I. HUMANITY AS LOST.
 1. A state of deprivation.
 2. A state of responsibility.
 - II. HUMANITY AS SOUGHT.
 1. By persevering effort.
 2. By self-sacrificing love.
 - III. HUMANITY AS FOUND.
 1. A divine restoration.
 2. A joyful restoration.
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267. *Heavenly Enjoyments.*

Rev. vii. 16, 17: They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb, which is the midst of the throne, shall feed them, etc.

- I. HEAVEN IS FREEDOM FROM EVIL.
 1. From bodily sufferings—*Pain—Poverty—Toil.*
 2. From spiritual evils—*Temptation—Guilt.*
 3. From distress on account of others.

II. HEAVEN IS THE PERFECTION OF OUR NATURE.

1. Of the body—*Christ's resurrection body a type.*
2. Of the soul—*Thoughts—Affections—Will*

III. HEAVEN IS A PLACE OF BLESSEDNESS.

1. A place of quietness.
2. A place of delights.
3. A place of plenitude.
4. A place of safety.

268. *God's Power.*

Ps. lxi. 11: Power belongeth unto God.

1. God's power acts with infinite ease.
2. God's power is never exhausted by exertion.
3. God's power is regulated by his other perfections.
4. God's power is only limited by his will.

269. *Spiritual Merchandize.*

Prov. xiii. 14: For the merchandize of it is better than the merchandize of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

I. THE TRADE.

1. The assets—*Capital—Stock.*
2. The receipts—*Present joys—Promises.*
3. The liabilities—*Obligations.*
4. The accounts—*Books—Correspondence.*

I. ITS ADVANTAGES.

1. The losses—*Indolence—Negligence—Timidity*
2. The profits—*Large—Sure—Enduring.*

III. ITS REQUISITES.

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| 1. Promptness. | 3. Regularity. |
| 2. Perseverance. | 4. Attention. |
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270. *Divine Relationship.*

Ps cxix. 94: I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

1. He is God's by purchase.
2. He is God's by conquest.
3. He is God's by adoption.
4. He is God's by dedication
5. He is God's by likeness.

II. HIS PRAYER.

1. Save me from sin.
2. Save me from carelessness.
3. Save me from my enemies.
4. Save me from despondency.

III. THE REASONS HE ASSIGNS.

1. I have sought to read them.
 2. I have sought to understand them.
 3. I have sought to be governed by them.
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271. *"Light is Sown for the Righteous."*

Ps cxii. 4: Unto the upright there ariseth light in darkness.

I. WHY IS THE UPRIGHT MAN?

- He is one who looks upward.
2. He is one who walks upward.
3. He is one who points upward.

II. WHAT IS THE BLESSEDNESS PROMISED HIM?

1. Light in the darkness of ignorance.
 2. Light in the darkness of doubt.
 3. Light in the darkness of perplexity.
 4. Light in the darkness of affliction.
 5. Light in the darkness of death.
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272. *How to Hear.*

Heb. iv. 2: The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

- I. THERE IS A FAITH THAT GOES BEFORE HEARING.
 1. Faith in God's good-will.
 2. Faith in God's revelation.
 3. Faith in God's accessibility.
 - II. THERE MUST BE FAITH MIXED WITH HEARING.
 1. To embrace it with candor.
 2. To impress it on the heart.
 3. To reduce it to practice.
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273. *Formalism.*

2 Tim. iii. 5: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- I. GODLINESS HAS AN OUTWARD FORM.
 1. Form is indispensable.
 2. Form may be an advantage.
 3. Form should be attractive.
- II THERE MAY BE FORM WITHOUT POWER.
 1. Having merely a gorgeous ritual
 2. Having merely an appearance of devotion.
 3. Having merely a pretence of obedience.

III. THE FORMALIST IS TO BE AVOIDED.

1. Not with contempt.
2. Nor with indifference.
3. But avoid his errors.
4. Avoid his spirit.

274. *God's Notice.*

Ps. lxxiv. 5 : They say, Who shall see them ?

1. This is a prevalent notion among men.
2. Consideration of the divine nature shows it to be a delusion.
3. Retribution follows evil deeds here.
4. The future will demonstrate that God takes notice.

275. *The Prolific Word.*

Matt. xiii. 1-9 : The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea-side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat ; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow, etc.

I. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORD.

1. Among spiritual temperaments.
2. Among superficial characters.
3. Among dissipating influences.
4. Among earnest hearts.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE WORD.

1. Fruitfulness in thought.
2. Fruitfulness in action.

III. THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE WORD.

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| 1. Worldly care. | 3. Inattentiveness. |
| 2. Worldly riches. | 4. The devil. |

IV. THE RESULTS OF THE WORD.

1. According to opportunities.
2. According to capacities.
3. According to earnestness.

276. *Ichabod !*

1 Sam. iv. 22 : And she said, The glory is departed from Israel, for the ark of God is taken.

I. WHAT IS THE TRUE GLORY OF A CHURCH?

1. Spirituality manifested in the piety of the members.
2. Manifested in the unction of its services.
3. Manifested in the spirit of awakening.
4. Manifested in exertion for men's salvation.

II. WHEN DOES THE GLORY DEPART FROM A CHURCH?

1. When ritualism is put for spirituality.
2. When orthodoxy is put for spirituality.
3. When simplicity is put for spirituality.
4. When popularity is put for spirituality.

277. *Consolation.*

Ps. xxxiv. 19 : Many are the afflictions of the righteous ; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

I. THE PECULIAR AFFLICTIONS OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

1. Internal—*Temptations—Doubts—Fears.*
2. External—*Misrepresentation—Persecution.*

II. THEIR DELIVERANCE.

1. Consolation in trial.
 2. Compensation for loss.
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278. *Sin's Disease.*

Ps. xli. 4 : Lord, be merciful unto me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

I. SIN IS A SOUL DISEASE.

1. Of the understanding.
2. Of the affections.
3. Of the conscience.
4. Of the will.

II. GOD ALONE CAN HEAL IT.

1. We must feel our malady.
 2. We must feel our impotence.
 3. We must recognize his power.
 4. We must trust his mercy.
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279. *How to Excite Love.*

2 Thess. iii. 5 : And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God.

I. HUMAN METHODS OF PRODUCING LOVE.

1. By communicating knowledge.
2. By speculating on natural religion.
3. By unfolding the moral law.

II THE DIVINE METHOD.

1. The manifestation of his love in Christ.
2. The shedding forth of the Holy Spirit.

280. *Look to the Prize!*

Jude 21 : Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

I. WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

1. A spiritual life in Christ.
2. An endless life with Christ.

II. HOW IS CHRIST THE MEDIUM OF IT?

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| 1. He revealed it. | 3. He bestows it. |
| 2. He procured it. | 4. He constitutes it. |

III. HOW SHOULD WE LOOK FOR IT?

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| 1. Believingly. | 3. Patiently. |
| 2. Hopefully. | 4. Practically. |

281. *The Light of the World.*

Ps. cxix. 105 : Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I. THE BIBLE IS A WONDERFUL LAMP.

1. For the light it sheds.
2. For the comfort it yields.
3. For the safety it affords.

II. THE USE TO BE MADE OF IT.

1. Use it ourselves.
2. Send it to others.

282 *Creation.*

Gen. i. 1 : In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

I. A REVELATION OF GOD.

- 1 His name—(*Names have meaning*).
- 2 His nature.—*Spirituality—Personality*.
- 3 His mode of existence—*Manifold unity*.

II. A REVELATION OF NATURE.

1. Matter not eternal.
 2. The antiquity of earth.
 3. The order of creation.
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283. *The Deluge.*

Gen. viii. 1: And God remembered Noah and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark.

I. CONSIDER THE FACT.

1. The cause.
2. The preparation.
3. The deluge itself.
4. Its extent.
5. Its superintendence.

II. IMPROVEMENT.

1. How fearful is God's wrath!
 2. How dreadful is carnal security!
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284. *The Soul's Hunger.*

Luke xv. 17: And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger.

I. EXHIBIT THE GROUNDS OF THIS HUNGER.

1. The soul is an organ that needs food for its sustenance.
2. God is the proper food of the soul.
3. A separation from God is a life of bitter hunger.

II. EXHIBIT THE SIGNS OF IT.

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| 1. Uneasiness. | 3. Remorse. |
| 2. Discontent. | 4. Disgust. |

285. *It Must Needs Be.*

I Pet. iv. 19: Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

I. BELIEVERS MAY BE CALLED TO SUFFER.

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| 1. In their property. | 3. In their liberty. |
| 2. In their reputation. | 4. In their life. |

II. THEIR SUFFERINGS ARE NEEDFUL.

1. God's will is not arbitrary.
2. Our faith needs trial.
3. Our pride needs humbling.
4. Nothing but rough means will detach us from the world.

III. THEIR DUTY IN SUFFERING.

1. Obedience—"In well-doing."
2. Trust—"Commit their souls."

286. *Eternal Joy.*

Ps. xvi. 11: In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

I. THE NATURE OF HEAVENLY JOYS.

1. Clear vision.
2. Perfect holiness.
3. Suitable employments.
4. Congenial society.
5. Permanent union.
6. Exquisite pleasures.
7. Complete triumph.
8. Progressive felicity.

287. *Let all the People Praise Thee!*

Ps. cvii. 31: Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

I. CONSIDER THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

1. It is eternal.
2. It is universal.
3. It is the source of all goodness.

II. CONSIDER HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.

1. In the mechanism of our frames.
2. In the adaptations of nature.
3. In his providential government.
4. In the plan of redemption.

III. HOW OUGHT WE TO PRAISE HIM?

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| 1. In every heart. | 3. In every place. |
| 2. By every means. | 4. At all times. |

288. *Spiritual Discernment.*

1 Cor. xii. 3: No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

I. WHAT DOES THIS STATEMENT MEAN?

1. The Holy Ghost must convince us of its truth.
2. The Holy Ghost must reveal to us its importance.
3. The Holy Ghost must inspire us to trust in it.

II. UPON WHAT IS IT BASED?

1. It is necessarily a matter of revelation.
2. It is contrary to the carnal mind.
3. It is superior to human reason.

289. *God giveth the Increase.*

Zech. iv. 6: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

I. THE MACHINERY.

1. A wealthy church.
2. A popular policy.
3. An eloquent ministry.
4. Efficient appliances.

II. THE MOTIVE-POWER.

1. God's Spirit must provide the means.
 2. God's Spirit must qualify the agents.
 3. God's Spirit must give efficiency.
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290. *Moral Heroism.*

Prov. xvi. 32: He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city.

I. THE ENEMY.

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| 1. Our impulses. | 3. Our prejudices. |
| 2. Our habits. | 4. Our interests. |

II. THE CONQUEST.

1. Assault is impossible.
2. Strategy is unavailing.
3. Fame is not to be won.

III. THE RESULTS.

1. A noble victory—*Perfection of humanity.*
2. A blessed peace—*Conscience delicate and tranquil*

291. *Preach the Word.*

2 Thess. iii. 1: Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.

I. THE GOSPEL PREACHER'S THEME.

1. Not scientific facts.
2. Not philosophic theories.
3. The message of salvation.

II. THE GOSPEL PREACHER'S AIM.

1. The diffusion of the word—"Free course."
2. The salvation of men—"Glorified."

III. THE GOSPEL PREACHER'S AIDS.

1. The people's sympathies.
 2. The people's prayers.
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292. *The Gospel Hindered.*

2 Thess. iii. 2: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable

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WHO ARE UNREASONABLE MEN THAT HINDER THE GOSPEL?

1. Men who want a ministerial mouthpiece.
 2. Men who expect ministerial perfection.
 3. Men who desire a ministerial drudge.
 4. Men who allow a ministerial pauper.
 5. Men who wish for a ministerial proxy.
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293. *No Shadow of Evil.*

Rev. xxii. 5: And there shall be no night there.

1. Night is an emblem of ignorance—*Heaven is knowledge.*

2. Night is an emblem of infirmity—*Heaven is perfection.*
 3. Night is an emblem of stillness—*Heaven is development.*
 4. Night is an emblem of vicissitude—*Heaven is constancy.*
 5. Night is an emblem of insecurity—*Heaven is bliss.*
 6. Night is an emblem of mystery—*Heaven is an open vision.*
 7. Night is an emblem of loneliness—*Heaven is companionship.*
 8. Night is an emblem of evil—*Heaven is sinlessness.*
 9. Night is an emblem of death—*Heaven is eternal life.*
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294. *The Sure Word.*

- i. Pet. i. 19: We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place.
- I. PRESUMPTIONS IN FAVOR OF REVELATION.
 1. From the nature of man.
 2. From the character of God.
- II. MODES OF REVELATION.
 1. Actions in nature.
 2. A voice in the soul.
 3. A written word.

III. THE NECESSITY OF A WRITTEN WORD.

1. Nature is insufficient—*A mass of shade.*
 2. Reason has its limits—*Contradictions.*
 3. The soul is inclined to evil—*God must call*
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295. *The Evil of Sin.*

Job xiii. 23 : Make me to know my transgression and **my sin.**

CONSIDER THE EVIL OF SIN.

1. How it offends a gracious God.
 2. How it wounds the loving Saviour.
 3. How it breaks a holy law.
 4. How it defiles a precious soul.
 5. How it leads the man from good.
 6. How it culminates in hell.
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296. *The Pleasures of Sin.*

Heb. xi. 25 : To enjoy the pleasures of sin for a **season.**

1. There may be pleasures in sin.
 2. They are but brutish pleasures.
 3. They are but momentary.
 4. They cost the loss of greater pleasures.
 5. They end in sadness and misery.
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297. *Personal Trust.*

Mark xi. 22 : And Jesus answering, saith unto them, Have **faith in God.**

FAITH IS DIRECT KNOWLEDGE.

1. It does not depend on the testimony of the **senses.**
2. It does not rest on the truthfulness of **witnesses.**

3. It is not founded on logical demonstration.
 4. Faith is a perception of the soul's needs.
 5. It is a perception of God's fitness to satisfy **them**.
- II. FAITH IS KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION.
1. It cannot tolerate indifference.
 2. It arouses every faculty of the soul.
- III. FAITH IS PERSONAL CONTACT.
1. It apprehends God's character.
 2. It claims a personal relation with him
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298. *The Curse Removed.*

Rev. xxii. 3 : And there shall be no more curse ; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it ; and his servants shall serve him.

- I. THE EFFECTS OF THE CURSE.
1. Barrenness of earth.
 2. Degradation of woman.
 3. Banishment from God.
 4. A degraded intellect.
 5. A depraved heart.
 6. Mortality.
- II. ITS REMOVAL BY THE GOSPEL.
1. Earth redeemed.
 2. Woman protected.
 3. The heart renewed.
 4. God's throne set up in the heart.

299. *Christ and His Bride.*

Eph. v. 25, 26 : As Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it ; that he might sanctify and cleanse it, with the washing of water by the word.

- I. THE OBJECT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.
 1. Not a local church.
 2. The Church catholic.
 - II. THE PROOF OF HIS LOVE.
 1. He gave his time for it.
 2. He gave his exertions for it.
 3. He gave his perfections for it.
 - III. THE DESIGN OF HIS LOVE.
 1. The separation of his Church.
 2. The purification of his Church.
 - IV. THE INSTRUMENTS EMPLOYED.
 1. The Holy Spirit's influence.
 2. Through the word of God.
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300. *An Almighty Saviour.*

Isa. lxiii. 1 : Mighty to save.

- I. SALVATION REQUIRED A MIGHTY SAVIOUR
 1. There was universal ruin.
 2. God's perfections stood in the way.
 3. His law was powerless to save.
- II. CHRIST'S SAVING POWER MANIFESTED.
 1. In his spotless humanity.
 2. In his representative capacity.
 3. In his embodiment of the Godhead.

III. THE EXTENT OF HIS SALVATION.

1. From sin.
 2. From self.
 3. From wrath.
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301. *The Reaping Time.*

Matt. xiii. 39: The harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels.

I. THE FACT ANNOUNCED—“*End of the world.*”

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| 1. Its certainty. | 3. Its importance. |
| 2. Its reasonableness. | 4. Its grandeur. |

II. THE FIGURE EMPLOYED.

1. Human actions are the seed—*Prolific.*
 2. This life is the seed-time—*Sowing deeds.*
 3. Judgment is the harvest—“*To every seed his own body.*”
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302. *The Signs of the Times.*

Rev. xxii. 20: He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

I. AN OUTLOOK.

1. Decline of Paganism.
2. Decay of Mohammedanism.
3. Centralization of the Jews.

II. A VIEW AT HOME.

1. Status of Christianity—*Rationalism—Ritualism—Evangelicals.*
2. Diabolical activities—*Spiritualism—Mormonism.*

3. Worldly progress—*Arts and sciences*

4. Missionary efforts.

“*Can ye not discern the signs of the times?*”

303. *Diffusion of the Gospel.*

Ps. lxxii. 16: There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

I. THE INSIGNIFICANCE OF THE GOSPEL IN ITS ORIGIN.

1. In its introduction into the world.
2. In its structure as a religious system.
3. In its operation on the heart.

II THE IMPROBABILITY OF ITS SUCCESS.

1. The agency was feeble.
2. The opposition was powerful.

III. ITS STUPENDOUS RESULTS.

1. The number of its followers.
2. Their influence on the world.

304. *Worship.*

Ps. v. 7: But as for me I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

WE SHOULD WORSHIP GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

1. In remembrance of past mercies.

2. With a sense of present mercies.
 3. In anticipation of future mercies.
- II. WE SHOULD WORSHIP GOD WITH REVERENT HEARTS.
1. With wholesome fear.
 2. With penetrating fear.
 3. With child-like fear.
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305. *Saying and Doing.*

Matt. vii. 21 : Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven ; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- I. THE IMPORT OF THESE WORDS.
 1. Christian life is not merely nominal.
 2. Christian life is not merely official.
 3. Christian life is an expression of the Divine will.
 - II. IMPROVEMENT.
 1. How nearly men may come without being right !
 2. How terrible to know God's name but not his nature !
 3. How awful to be disowned by Christ !
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306. *Divine Likeness.*

1 Pet. i. 4 : That by these ye might be made partakers of the Divine nature.

- I. HOW CAN MAN PARTAKE OF THE DIVINE NATURE ?
 1. By receiving God's ideas.
 2. By adopting God's righteousness.
 3. By the communication of God's happiness.

II. WHAT IS THE PROCESS EMPLOYED?

1. The human element—*Man's spiritual nature.*
 2. The Divine medium—*Christ's atonement.*
 3. The efficient cause—*The Holy Spirit.*
 4. The instrumentality—"Precious promises."
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307. *Death Conquered.*

Phil. i. 21: To die is gain.

I. HOW IS THIS TRUE?

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| 1. Physically. | 3. Morally. |
| 2. Mentally. | 4. Socially. |

II. WHAT KIND OF GAIN?

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| 1. Immediate. | 2. Everlasting. |
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308. *"Stand Up for Jesus."*

Rev. ii. 10: Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

I. CHRIST ENJOINS FAITHFULNESS.

1. Faithfulness in duty.
2. Faithfulness in trial.
3. Faithfulness in our sphere.

II. CHRIST REQUIRES PERSONAL FAITHFULNESS.

1. Every one has a work.
2. Every one has power to do it.
3. Every one is under obligation to work.

III. CHRIST REQUIRES CONSTANT FAITHFULNESS.

1. Life is a probation.
2. Death 's our release.

IV. CHRIST WILL REWARD FAITHFULNESS.

1. A glorious reward—"A crown."
 2. A durable reward—"A crown of life."
 3. A personal reward—"I will give THEE."
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309. *Communion with God.*

James iv. 8: Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

I. THE DUTY.

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| 1. In prayer. | 3. With reverence. |
| 2. In meditation. | 4. With confidence. |

II. THE PROMISE.

1. Communion.
 2. Consciousness.
 3. Joy.
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310. *More than All that are Against Us.*

Ps. cxviii. 6: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

I. WHAT IS IMPLIED?

1. A sense of his care.
2. The enjoyment of his protection.
3. The feeling of his love.

II. WHY NEED WE NOT FEAR?

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| 1. He is wise | 3. He is good. |
| 2. He is mighty. | 4. He is faithful. |

311. *God Help Us!*

Ps. cxlii. 12 : Give us help from trouble ; for vain is the help of man.

CONSIDER THESE WORDS.

1. As the cry of the poor.
 2. As the cry of the oppressed.
 3. As the cry of the tempted.
 4. As the cry of the afflicted.
 5. As the cry of the dying.
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312. *The Kingdom of Christ.*

Ps. cxlv. 11 : They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom.

I. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

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| 1. Mediatorial. | 4. Universal. |
| 2. Spiritual. | 5. Eternal. |
| 3. Rightful. | |

II. THE GLORY OF HIS KINGDOM.

1. The principles of its administration are glorious.
 2. The character of its subjects is glorious.
 3. The privileges of its subjects are glorious.
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313. *The Prodigal.*

Luke xv. 11-17 : And he said, A certain man had two sons ; and the younger of them said to his father, etc.

1. A loss of confidence.
2. Permission to depart.
3. Leaving the homestead.

4. Life wasted.
 5. Pleasures exhausted.
 6. Servitude.
 7. Cravings.
 8. Worldly selfishness.
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314. *The Returning Prodigal.*

Luke xv. 17-25 : And when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare ? etc.

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| 1. Convictions. | 5. Welcome ! |
| 2. Apprehension of mercy. | 6. Confession. |
| 3. Decision. | 7. Recovery. |
| 4. Returning. | |
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315. *Ungodliness.*

Jer. ii. 13 : For my people have committed two evils ; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

I. THE WORLD'S CRIME.

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| 1. Ungodliness. | 3. Helplessness. |
| 2. Uncleaness. | 4. Misery. |

II. MAN'S BROKEN CISTERNS.

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| 1. Civilization. | 3. Legislation. |
| 2. Science. | 4. Infidelity. |

316. *The People that do Exploits.*

~~John~~ **ai. 32:** The people that do know their God shall be strong and
~~and~~ exploits.

I. THE PEOPLE.

1. They know God as he is declared in his word.
2. They know God as he is manifested in Christ.
3. They know God as he is revealed in themselves.

II. THEIR EXPLOITS.

1. A conquest of sin.
 2. A conquest of self.
 3. A conquest of the world.
 4. A conquest of death and hell.
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317. *Love to Christ.*

John xxi. 17: Lovest thou me?

I. THE ELEMENTS OF LOVE TO CHRIST.

1. Gratitude.
2. Admiration.
3. Sympathy.

II. THE QUALITY OF IT.

1. It should be supreme.
2. It should be fervent.
3. It should be constant.

III. THE REASONS FOR IT.

1. For what he is.
2. For what he has suffered.
3. For what he has given.
4. For what he has promised.

318. *Our Father's Pleasure.*

Luke xii. 32: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

I. CHRIST'S SIMILITUDE.

1. His people are a flock.
2. They are a little flock. (*Literally, "LITTLE, LITTLE."*)
3. They are a timid flock.

II. CHRIST'S EXHORTATION.

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| 1. Fear not poverty. | 3. Fear not sin. |
| 2. Fear not suffering. | 4. Fear not death. |

III. CHRIST'S ASSURANCE.

1. That God is their Father.
 2. That he wills them the kingdom.
 3. That none can resist his will.
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319. *His Everlasting Priesthood.*

Heb. viii. 1, 2: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle.

I. CHRIST'S MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

1. His presence in the sanctuary.
2. His mediatorial work.
3. His advocacy before the throne.

II. CHRIST'S MINISTRY IN HEAVEN.

1. The guide of his saints.
2. The instructor of the glorified

320. *Light from the Grave!*

2 Tim. i. 10: Who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

I. PROBABILITIES OF THE SOUL'S IMMORTALITY.

1. The physiological argument—*Immateriality*.
2. The psychological argument—*Conscious power*.
3. The analogical argument—*Natural metamorphoses—Progress*.
4. The theological argument—*Perfections of God*.
5. The ethical argument—*Conscience*.
6. The ethnical argument—*Consensus of nations*.

II. CERTAIN PROOFS.

1. Christ's abolition of death.
2. The revelation of the gospel.

321. *Spiritual Resurrection.*

Ezek. xxxvii. 1-10: The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, etc.

I. THE CONDITION OF THE WORLD.

1. Spiritually dead—"Bones."
2. Hopelessly so—"Dry bones."
3. Universally so—"A valley full."

II. THE MEANS FOR ITS RECOVERY.

1. A divine appointment—*Preaching*.
2. The claim of attention.
3. The offer of salvation.

III. THE WONDERFUL RESULT.

1. The gospel is accompanied by Divine power.
2. The Spirit is essential to complete success.
3. In the use of the means success is certain.

322. *Sin's Remedy.*

Jer. viii. 22: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

I. AN UNHEALTHY STATE.

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| 1. Weakness. | 4. Bad appetite. |
| 2. Lethargy. | 5. Thirst. |
| 3. Insensibility. | 6. Delirium. |

II. A SOVEREIGN REMEDY.

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| 1. Specific. | 3. Infallible. |
| 2. Available. | 4. Free. |

III. THE REASON MEN ARE NOT HEALED.

1. Ignorance of their state.
 2. Procrastination.
 3. Nostrums and quackery.
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323. *Children of God.*

Gal. iv. 6: And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

I. THE STATUS OF BELIEVERS.

1. Adopted sons.
2. Conscious relationship.
3. Family privileges.

II. THE EVIDENCE OF THAT STATE.

1. An indwelling Spirit.
2. A spirit of holiness.
3. A spirit of confidence.
4. A spirit of freedom.

324. *Tempted as we are.*

Matt. iv. 1-11: Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, etc.

I. CHRIST'S TEMPTATIONS.

1. To distrust.
2. To presumption.
3. To ambition.

II THE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRISTIANS.

1. Through our temporal wants.
2. Through our spiritual relations.
3. Through our worldly prospects.

III. ENCOURAGEMENT FROM CHRIST'S VICTORY.

1. It was manhood's triumph—*Christ tempted as man.*
 2. It was by manhood's weapon—*Filial confidence.*
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325. *Helping our Infirmities.*

Jude 20: Praying in the Holy Ghost.

1. The Holy Ghost reveals to us our needs.
2. The Holy Ghost brings to our remembrance the promises.
- 3 The Holy Ghost removes from us the obstacles to Divine communion.
- 4 The Holy Ghost awakens in us proper dispositions.
- 5 The Holy Ghost strengthens us with might in the inner man.

326. *The Church Glorious.*

Ps. lxxxvii. 3 : Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God

1. Its founder is glorious.
 2. Its history is glorious.
 3. Its citizens are glorious.
 4. Its privileges are glorious.
 5. Its destiny is glorious.
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327. *The Law of all Being.*

Heb. ix. 27 : It is appointed unto men once to die.

- I. GOD'S APPOINTMENT.
 1. Death is universal.
 2. Death is inevitable.
 3. Death is conquered.
 4. Death may be progression.
 - II. OUR IMPROVEMENT OF IT.
 1. Let us remember our mortality.
 2. Let us live every day prepared for it.
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328. *Pardon for All!*

Luke xxiv. 47 : And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

- I. THE MATTER OF APOSTOLIC PREACHING.
 1. Repentance.
 2. Remission of sins
- II. THE MANNER OF IT.
 1. In his name.
 2. Through his merits.
 3. Depending on his grace.

III. THE FIELD OF OPERATION.

1. Where there is the most need of it.
 2. Wherever men are found to be saved by it.
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329. *A Good Service.*

Mal. iii. 14: Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts?

I. THE SERVICE OF GOD.

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| 1. Voluntary. | 3. Arduous. |
| 2. Solemn. | 4. Profitable. |

II. THE OBJECTIONS TO IT.

1. They arise from misunderstanding.
2. They arise from disinclination.
3. They arise from hatred.

III. ITS ADVANTAGES.

1. It gives present joy.
 2. It promises future glory.
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330. *The Burden of Souls.*

Ps. cxlii. 4: No man cared for my soul.

I. WHAT IS MEANT BY CARE FOR SOULS?

1. To have a firm conviction of their value.
2. To cherish tender solicitude for their welfare.
3. To feel alarming apprehensions of their danger.
4. To make zealous exertions for their salvation.

II. WHO OUGHT SPECIALLY TO EXERCISE THIS CARE?

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| 1. Parents. | 3. Ministers. |
| 2. Teachers. | 4. Members. |

III. THE CRIMINALITY OF NEGLECT

1. It is ungrateful.
 2. It is cruel.
 3. It is fatal.
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331. *Instrumentalities.*

Isa. xliii. 10: Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord.

I. THE CHRISTIAN'S TESTIMONY.

1. The soul's value.
2. The vanity of the world.
3. The sufficiency of religion.
4. The love of Christ.
5. The power of the Spirit.

II. ITS MODE.

1. In life.
2. In conversation.

III. ITS EFFECTS.

1. The conversion of men.
 2. Power in preaching.
 3. The sanctification of believers.
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332. *"I would not Live Always."*

Heb. x. 34: Knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

I. HEAVEN'S BETTER SUBSTANCE—(SUBSISTENCE.)

1. A better physical life.
2. A better intellectual life.
3. A better social life.
4. A better religious life.
5. A better active life.

II. HEAVEN'S ENDURING SUBSTANCE.

1. An incorruptible body.
 2. An increasingly developed mind.
 3. Lasting companionship.
 4. Never-wearying work.
 5. Endless praise.
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333. *Spiritual Transformation.*

Rom. xii. 2: But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

I. WHAT IS THIS TRANSFORMATION?

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| 1. In our thoughts. | 4. In our affections. |
| 2. In our wills. | 5. In our words. |
| 3. In our consciences. | 6. In our actions. |

II. THE SIGNS OF THIS TRANSFORMATION.

1. Our works proceed from new principles.
 2. After a new manner.
 3. To a new end.
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334. *Cleave to the Right.*

Rom. xii. 9: Cleave to that which is good.

I. WHAT IS IT?

1. To approve of the good.
2. To des're it.
3. To practice it.

II. How?

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| 1. Understandingly. | 3. Energetically. |
| 2. Willingly. | 4. Humbly. |

III. WHY?

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| 1. It is right. | 3. It is pleasant. |
| 2. It is honorable. | 4. It is profitable. |
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335. *Ignorance is the Parent of Destruction*

Hos. iv. 6: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

I. WHAT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE IS MEANT?

1. Not historical but experimental.
2. Not theoretical but practical.
3. Not scientific but evangelical.

II. HOW DOES IGNORANCE CAUSE DESTRUCTION?

1. Unless sin be pardoned the soul will be destroyed.
 2. No sin can be pardoned without Christ.
 3. There can be no interest in Christ without faith.
 4. There can be no faith without knowledge.
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336. *The New Dispensation.*

Joel ii. 28-32: And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, etc.

THE PROPERTIES OF THE GOSPEL DISPENSATION.

1. Spirituality—"I will pour out my Spirit."
2. Power—"Your sons and daughters shall prophesy."
3. Liberty—"In Jerusalem shall be deliverance."
4. Extensiveness—"All flesh."

337. *Christ's Kindred.*

Matt. xii. 49, 50: And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren ! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

1. The intense spirituality of Christ's mission.
 2. The comprehensive philanthropy of Christ's heart.
 3. The true nature of man's union with Christ.
 4. The glorious privileges secured by this union.
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338. *Precious Trials.*

Job xxiii. 10: But when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

I. TRIAL IS A DIVINE PROCESS.

1. God's will appoints them.
2. God's love effects them.
3. God's presence comforts in them.

II. TRIAL IS A USEFUL PROCESS.

1. It is a token of value.
 2. It is a test of genuineness.
 3. It is a medium of purification.
 4. It is a preparation for service.
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339 *Watchfulness.*

Rev. iii. 2: Be watchful.

I. THE NATURE OF THE DUTY.

- i Vigilance in personal religion — *Thoughts—Words—Actions.*

2 Vigilance in the Church—*For men's souls.*

3. Expectation—*Promises—Death—The future.*

II. ITS OBJECT.

1. To get good.

2. To do good.

340. *The Living God.*

Exod. xv. 2: My father's God, and I will exalt him.

I WHO WAS THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS?

1. A pure being—*Not the "chance" of the Atheist.*

2. A conscious being—*Not the "mere law" of the Deist.*

3. A personal being—*Not "the all" of the Pantheist.*

4. A perfect being, as revealed in the Bible.

5. An emotional being, as manifested in Christ.

6. A communicative being, as imparted by the Holy Spirit.

II. WHAT IS IT TO EXALT HIM?

1. Not by tall spires.

2. Not by a gorgeous ritual.

3. To adore him as the object of our worship.

4. To give him the chief place in our affections.

341. *Christian Joy.*

Phil. iv. 4: Rejoice in the Lord *alway*; and again I say, Rejoice.

THE RELIGION OF CHRIST IS NOT A MELANCHOLY RELIGION.

1. Christianity takes away none of our real pleasures.

2. Christianity removes the evils that hinder pleasure.
 3. Christianity enforces duties that produce pleasure.
 4. Christianity reveals new and lofty pleasures.
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342. *Edification.*

Jude 20: But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith.

HOW ARE BELIEVERS ESTABLISHED?

1. By a careful study of the doctrines of Christianity.
 2. By an earnest reliance on its truths.
 3. By a diligent cultivation of its precepts as the rule of life.
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343. *Faith's Development.*

Luke xvii. 5: And the apostles saith unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

I. FAITH IS CAPABLE OF INCREASE.

1. In the amount of truth which it embraces.
2. In the degree of intensity with which it seizes its object.
3. In the force with which it works.

II. THE INCREASE OF FAITH IS DESIRABLE

1. For the sake of our holiness.
2. For the sake of our happiness.
3. For the sake of our usefulness.

II. THE INCREASE OF OUR FAITH SHOULD BE SOUGHT

1. By earnest prayer
 2. By habitual meditation on the object of faith.
 - 3 By the avoidance of everything that tends to impair its strength.
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344. *Rich Churches.*

Rev. ii. 9: But thou art rich.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A RICH CHURCH?

1. Personal piety in its members.
 2. Spiritual unction in its services.
 3. A teaching ministry.
 4. A spirit of love.
 5. Universal activities.
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345. *Christ the Way.*

John xiv. 6: I am the way.

CHRIST THE MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING SALVATION

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| 1. A new way. | 4. A plain way |
| 2. A perpetual way. | 5. A holy way. |
| 3. An open way. | 6. An exclusive way. |
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346. *The Shephera of Souls.*

Ps. xxiii. 1: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

THE PERSON SET FORTH.

1. His d'vine perfections—"Lord."
2. His mediatorial relation—"Shepherd."
3. His personal affinity—"My shepherd."

II. THE INFERENCE DEDUCED.

1. No want of appropriate food.
 2. No want of needful rest.
 3. No want for guidance in the way.
 4. No want for restorative mercy.
 5. No want for comfort in the night.
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347. *Christ's Freedom.*

Gal. v. 1: Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

I. HUMAN MODES OF GIVING FREEDOM.

1. By force.
2. By legislation.
3. By the arts of peace.

II. CHRIST'S METHOD.

1. A manifestation of God—*Love*.
2. A revelation of man—*His capacities*.
3. A disclosure of immortality.

III. THE FREEDOM WHICH HE GIVES.

1. Liberty of person.
 2. Liberty of thought.
 3. Liberty of soul.
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348. *Trust and Safety.*

Ps. lxi. 8: Trust in him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

I. THE FACT.

1. A refuge from ignorance.
2. From charges of conscience.

3. From all spiritual enemies.
4. From all evil.

II. THE DUTY.

1. Open confession of sin.
2. Renunciation of other dependence.
3. Confident approach.

III. THE TIME.

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| 1. In cares. | 4. In sickness. |
| 2. In doubt. | 5. In prosperity. |
| 3. In perplexity. | 6. In death. |

349. *Faith Unto Salvation.*

Acts xvi. 31: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

I. WHO IS THE OBJECT OF FAITH?

1. A divine personage—"The Lord."
2. A human being—"Jesus."
3. A mediator—"Christ."

II. WHAT IS BELIEF IN HIM?

1. An assent to his truth.
2. A trust in his person.

III. WHAT IS THE SALVATION THROUGH HIM?

1. From the guilt of sin.
2. From the strength of sin.
3. From the wrath of God.

350. *Whosoever Will!*

John vi. 37: Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.

I. APPLY THESE WORDS.

1. To the debtor—*He will be their Surety.*

2. To the prisoner—*He will be their Redeemer.*
3. To the sick—*He will be their Healer.*
4. To the accused—*He will be their Advocate.*
5. To the condemned—*He will be their Saviour.*
6. To the miserable—*He will be their Comforter.*

II. URGE THE DUTY—"COME."

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| 1. Promptly. | 3. Resolutely. |
| 2. Cheerfully. | 4. Trustingly. |
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351. *Charity Beareth All Things.*

Rom. xii. 18: If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

I. THE PREFACE.

1. As limiting the duty.
2. As strengthening the duty.

II. THE COMMAND.

1. Give offense to no one.
2. Forgive the trespasses of others.
3. Attribute the best possible motives to men.
4. Give up some of your own rights.
5. Watch against passions that cause strife

III. ITS EXTENT.

1. In our business relations.
2. In our families.
3. In the church.
4. In the world.

352. *The Definite Aim.*

Phil. iii. 13 : But this one thing I do.

I. THE OBJECT OF PURSUIT.

1. A knowledge of Christ's person.
2. The fellowship of his sufferings.
3. Conformity unto his death.
4. The power of his resurrection.

II. THE MANNER OF THE PURSUIT.

1. Forgetfulness of the past—"THIS *one thing I do.*"
 2. A definite aim—"This *ONE thing I do.*"
 3. A reaching forth—"This *one THING I do.*"
 4. A pressing onward—"This *one thing I DO.*"
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353. *The Soul's Organ of Sight.*

John xi. 40 : Said I not unto thee that if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God ?

I. THE DUTY ENJOINED.

1. Faith is a transaction between God and the soul.
2. It is a voluntary process.
3. It is to be exercised regardless of apparent difficulties.
4. It is to be exercised in connection with corresponding works.

II. THE BLESSED RESULT.

1. We shall see his glory in Nature.
2. We shall see his glory in Providence.
3. We shall see his glory in his Word.
4. We shall see his glory in the final resurrection.

354. *Lost Opportunities.*

1 Kings xl. 40: And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone.

I. IMPORTANT INTERESTS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO OUR CARE.

1. Our personal salvation.
2. The salvation of our neighbors.
3. The religious education of our children.
4. Sympathy and relief for the poor and suffering.

II. GOD FURNISHES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALL.

1. He fits the opportunity to the work required.
2. He provides the means essential to success.
3. He gives efficiency and certainty to the effort

III. OPPORTUNITIES LOST ARE LOST FOR EVER!

1. We lose them unconsciously.
 2. We lose them while busied here and there with minor things.
 3. Lost opportunities bring loss of happiness.
 4. The consequences of their loss will be eternal.
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355. *Zeal Commendable.*

Gal. iv. 18: But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing.

I. WHAT IS TRUE CHRISTIAN ZEAL?

1. Not mere noise and excitement about religion.
2. Not a contest for creeds and forms.
- 3 Not unchristianizing those who do not utter our "*Shibboleth*."

4. It is a burning desire for God's glory and the good of men.
 5. It is a spirit of self-sacrifice for Christ.
 - II. HOW IS ITS EXERCISE "GOOD?"
 1. It is positively good—*Enthusiasm the root of achievement.*
 2. It is comparatively good—*Compared with science, art, etc.*
 3. It is superlatively good—*The gospel supremely excellent.*
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356. *The Badge of Discipleship.*

John xiii. 35 : By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

- I. THE IMPORTANCE OF A CORRECT RECOGNITION OF THIS.
 1. For the credit of the gospel.
 2. For the influence of a good life.
 3. That reproach may not fall upon the Church.
 4. That hypocrisy may be exposed.
 5. That Christ may be truly represented.
- II. MUTUAL LOVE THE BADGE OF DISCIPLESHIP.
 1. It is an actual inward experience.
 2. A principle manifest in the life.
 3. It's measure is the love of Christ to us.

357. *Moral Weight.*

Dan. v. 27 : Tekel ; Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting.

I. THE BALANCES IN WHICH MEN WEIGH THEMSELVES.

1. In their own opinions.
2. In comparison with others.
3. In the estimation of their fellows.

II. THE BALANCES IN WHICH GOD WEIGHS MEN.

1. The Bible.
2. Conscience.
3. A perfect moral standard.
4. An impartial standard.

III. THE APPLICATION OF THE BALANCES.

1. To the moralist.
2. To the formalist.
3. To the worldly Christian.
4. To the indolent.

358. *The False and the True.*

Jas. i. 27 : Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

I. IMPURE FORMS OF CHRISTIANITY.

1. A religion of the brain.
2. A religion of the tongue.
3. A religion of the feelings.
4. A religion of the habits.

II. THE ESSENCE OF PURE RELIGION.

1. Personal purity.
2. Active charity.

359. *Wonderful Testimonies*

Ps. cxix. 129 : Thy testimonies are wonderful.

1. In their antiquity.
 2. In their style.
 3. In their facts.
 4. In their mysteries.
 5. In their revelations.
 6. In their effects on nations.
 7. In their power over the heart.
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360. *Pride of Heart.*

Ps. x. 4 : The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God.

WICKED MEN ARE NOT SAVED ON ACCOUNT OF PRIDE.

1. Proud of their own merit, they will not call upon God.
 2. Proud of their own strength, they will not apply to God for help.
 3. Proud of their own wisdom, they will not submit to God's teaching.
 4. Proud of their own happiness, they will not seek God's favor.
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361. *Humanity.*

Ps. cxliv. 3 : Lord, what is man ?

1. WHAT IS MAN'S NATURAL STATE ?
He is a fallen being.

2. He is a guilty being.
 3. He is a miserable being.
 4. He is a helpless being.
- II. WHAT IS MAN'S GRACIOUS CONDITION?
1. He is restored to a right relation to God.
 2. He is restored to a right disposition toward God.
 3. He enjoys the influences of the Holy Spirit.
 4. He is in process of preparation for the heavenly world.
- III. WHAT WILL BE MAN'S HEAVENLY CONDITION?
1. Freedom from sin and sorrow.
 2. Perfection of nature.
 3. The companion of angels.
 4. The brother of Christ.

362. *Insolvent Debtors.*

Luke xvi. 5: How much owest thou unto my Lord?

- I. THE CREDITOR.
 1. Our Creator.
 2. Our Benefactor.
 3. Our Redeemer.
 4. A strict creditor.
- II. OUR INDEBTEDNESS.
 1. What have I received?
 2. What have I paid?
- III. OUR MEANS OF PAYMENT.
 1. All our works are insufficient.
 2. God releases us by a ransom.

363. *Duties.*

Rom. xiii. 7: Render therefore to all their dues.

I. WHAT WE OWE TO GOD.

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| 1. Adoration. | 4. Trust. |
| 2. Love. | 5. Thankfulness |
| 3. Desires. | 6. Obedience. |

II. WHAT WE OWE TO MEN.

1. Good-will.
2. Good words.
3. Good deeds

III. ENFORCE THE DUTY.

1. God's claim is righteous.
 2. To neglect is to rob God.
 3. It is to rob our neighbor.
 4. It is to rob ourselves.
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364. *With Christ in Glory.*

Phil. i. 23: To be with Christ, which is far better.

I. WHAT IS IT TO BE WITH CHRIST?

1. To behold his presence.
2. To share his glory.
3. To enjoy his communion.

II WHY IS IT FAR BETTER?

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| 1. Better bodies. | 4. Better employment. |
| 2. Better souls. | 5. Better enjoyment. |
| 3. Better company. | 6. Better honors. |

365. *Religion Profitable.*

1 Tim. iv. 8: But godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

I. WHAT IS MEANT BY GODLINESS?

1. A God-like will.
2. A God-like life.
3. God-like motives.

II. HOW IS IT PROFITABLE?

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| 1. For the soul. | 3. To our reputation. |
| 2. To the body. | 4. To our enjoyments. |

366. *Mortification of the Flesh.*

Col. iii. 5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth.

I. MISTAKEN VIEWS OF MORTIFICATION.

1. Philosophical tempers.
2. Religious austerities.
3. Outward restraint of sin.
4. A conquest of some particular vice.

II. THE PROPERTIES OF EVANGELICAL MORTIFICATION.

1. It strikes at the root of sin.
2. It deals with all sin.
3. It is carried on from pure motives.
4. It depends on the influence of the Holy Spirit.

367. *Sanctification.*

1 Cor. vi. 11: But ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

I. THE NATURE OF SANCTIFICATION.

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| 1. Separation. | 3. Cleansing. |
| 2. Appropriation. | 4. Preparation. |

II. ITS DIFFERENCE FROM JUSTIFICATION.

1. That relates to the guilt of sin ; this to its power.
 2. That frees us from God's wrath ; this from evil tempers.
 3. That gives us a right to heaven ; this makes us fit for it.
 4. That is complete at once ; this is ever progressive.
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368. *The Christian's Property.*

1 Cor. iii. 21, 22 : For all things are yours ; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come ; all are yours.

THE PRIVILEGES OF BELIEVERS.

1. A variety of ministers.
 2. The good things of this world.
 3. The protection of God.
 4. Communion with God.
 5. A guard of angels.
 6. Death conquered.
 - 7 " Things to come."
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369. *Responsibility.*

Heb. iii. 13 : But exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

I. THE NATURE OF SIN.

1. Defection.

2. Transgression.

II. ITS DECEITFULNESS.

1. It disguises itself—*By false names—False excuses—False resolutions.*

2. It is cumulative.

III. THE DUTY.

1. By precept.

2. By example.

3. By invitations.

370. *A Divine Saviour.*

Mark ii. 7: Who can forgive sin but God only?

A PROOF OF CHRIST'S SAVING POWER.

1. No human being can forgive sins.

2. Christ's healing miracle proves that he can forgive sins.

3. The agency of Christ in the forgiveness of sin proves that he is God.

371. *The End of Christ's Coming.*

John iii. 17: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1. CONDEMNATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

1. When we consider the condition of men.

2. When we consider the history of the Divine dispensations.

3. When we consider the prediction of the treatment of the Gospel.

II. SALVATION WAS REALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

1. From error by His teaching.
 2. From false models by His example.
 3. From guilt by His sacrifice.
 4. From perdition by His grace.
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372. *Quickened Steps.*

Acts viii. 39: And he went on his way rejoicing.

THE EFFECT OF FINDING CHRIST.

1. Joy in the acquisition of information.
 2. Joy in the enjoyment of his glorious privileges.
 3. Joy in the anticipation of usefulness.
 4. Joy in the hope of a blessed future.
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373. *Ashamed!*

Mark viii. 38: Whosoever, therefore, shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father, with the holy angels.

I. THE PERSONS DESCRIBED.

1. Those who are ashamed to assume a profession of Christ.
2. Those who are ashamed to maintain that profession before the world.
3. Those who from shame apostatize from Christ.

II THE DOOM THREATENED.

1. It is certain.
2. It is awful
- 3 It is just

374. *Apologies.*

Luke xiv. 18: And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

MODERN EXCUSES OF SINNERS.

1. "Not persuaded of the truth of religion."
 2. "No time for religion."
 3. "Plenty of time for religion."
 4. "I am good enough."
 5. "The church is corrupt."
 6. "Christianity is a gloomy thing."
 7. "I will seek it at death."
 8. "I am too sinful."
 9. "I will seek it privately."
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375. *Gospel Blessings.*

Heb. xii. 18-24: Ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more. . . . But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, etc.

I. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

1. The law was outward; the gospel spiritual.
2. The law was mysterious; the gospel light.
3. The law was terrible; the gospel mild.
4. The law was limited; the gospel universal.
5. The law was dangerous; the gospel inviting.

II. THE INESTIMABLE BLESSINGS OF THE GOSPEL.

1. It is a heavenly place—"Zion."
 2. It contains heavenly society—"God"—"Angels"—"Jesus" etc.
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376. *Children Invited.*

Prov. viii. 17: They that seek me early shall find me.

I. WHAT IT IS TO SEEK THE LORD.

1. How to begin—*Repentance—Faith.*
2. How to continue—*Good principles—Perseverance.*

II. THE RESULTS OF SEEKING HIM.

1. Finding communion with him.
 2. Finding happiness in him.
 3. Finding heaven with him.
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377. *Light at Evening.*

Isa. lx. 1, 2: Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, etc.

I. THE LESSONS OF THE PAST.

1. Man's tendency to corruption.
2. The retributions of Providence.
3. The preservation of God's truth.

II. THE DUTIES OF THE PRESENT.

1. An increase of unity and spirituality in the Church.
2. An increase of missionary effort.

III. THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

1. Human advancement through the gospel.
 2. A universal brotherhood.
 3. The universal prevalence of Christian principles.
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378. *Man God's Masterpiece.*

Matt. vi. 26 : Are ye not much better than they ?

MAN IS SUPERIOR TO ALL THE ANIMAL CREATION

1. In his powers.
 2. In his capabilities.
 3. In God's care over him.
 4. In his destiny.
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379. *Balaam.*

Jude 11 : And ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward.

THE SIN OF BALAAM.

1. Perversion of intellect.
 2. Perversion of conscience.
 3. Greediness.
 4. Self-deception
 5. Bribery of God.
 6. Obstinacy.
 7. Instigation to sin.
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380. *Satan Bound.*

† John iii. 8 : For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I. WHAT ARE THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL?

1. Sin.
2. Suffering.
3. Death.

II HOW DOES CHRIST DESTROY THEM?

1. By the clearness of his teaching.
 2. By the merit of his sacrifice.
 3. By the power of his grace.
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381. *Self-Denial.*

Mark viii. 34 : Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself

WHAT MUST WE DENY AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

1. Our self-dependence.
 2. Our self-righteousness.
 3. Our self-wisdom.
 4. Our self-will.
 5. Our self-seeking
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382. *Pleasant Places.*

Ps. xvi. 6 : The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

WHY SHOULD WE ADOPT THESE WORDS?

1. Because of the country in which we were born
2. Because of the age in which we live.
3. Because of the spiritual blessings which we enjoy.
4. Because of the religious privileges which we possess.

383. *"Live it Down."*

I Pet. ii. 12: Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

I. THE WORLD'S TREATMENT OF CHRISTIANS.

1. Enmity.
2. Defamation.
3. Perversion of the truth.
4. Aggravation of circumstances.

II. THE BEHAVIOR RECOMMENDED.

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| 1. Honesty. | 4. Purity. |
| 2. Consistency. | 5. Fidelity. |
| 3. Truthfulness. | 6. Circumspection. |

III. THE RESULTS THAT WILL OBTAIN.

1. God will be glorified.
2. His religion will be honored.
3. Men will be saved.

384. *Winged Words.*

Prov. x. 19: In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

I. THE TONGUE'S LICENSE.

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| 1. Hyperbole. | 4. Ribaldry. |
| 2. Egotism. | 5. Tale-bearing |
| 3. Trifling. | 6. Slander. |

II. ITS EVIL RESULT.

1. The dissipation of religious life.
2. The uncontrollable diffusion of the slander.
3. The Satanic malignancy of the temper.

385. *The Philosophy of Prayer.*

Heb. xi. 6: He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him

I. THE NATURE OF PRAYER.

1. Not a mere formal attitude.
2. Not religious meditation.
3. Conscious soul-communion with God.

II. ITS LIMITATIONS.

1. Natural laws.
2. Appointed means.
3. The promises of God.
4. The spirit of holiness.

III. ITS CONDITIONS—*Faith.*

1. In God's personality.
 2. In God's freedom.
 3. In God's faithfulness.
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386. *The Sacrifice of Christ.*

Heb. ix. 26: But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

I. THE NECESSITY OF AN ATONEMENT.

1. From the nature of sin.
2. From conscience.
3. From God's law.

II. ITS EFFECTS.

1. Indirect restraint of sin.
2. Direct production of righteousness.

III. THE MODE OF ITS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

1. By a vicarious principle.
2. By a real sacrifice.

387. "*Smitten of God.*"

Zech. xiii. 7 : Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of Hosts.

I. THE ESSENTIAL GLORY OF CHRIST.

1. His humanity—" *The man.*"
2. His equality with God—" *My fellow.*"

II. HIS OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

1. By Divine appointment—" *My Shepherd.*"
2. By voluntary design—" *Lo I come.*"

III. HIS VICARIOUS SUFFERING.

1. Its cause.
 2. Its intensity.
 3. Its design.
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388. *Gospel Blessings.*

Zech. iii. 10 : In that day, saith the Lord of Hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

THE BLESSINGS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM.

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| 1. Perfect security. | 3. Religious zeal. |
| 2. Unalloyed happiness. | 4. Christian love. |
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389. *The Lost Found.*

Luke xix. 10 : For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

I. WHO ARE THE LOST.

1. Those who have failed in the end of their creation.
2. Those who have missed their way to happiness.
3. Those who are powerless to recover themselves.

II. HOW ARE THEY SAVED?

1. By the sacrifice of Christ.
2. By his personal ministry.
3. By the agency of his Spirit.
4. By the communication of his life.

III. WHO IS THEIR SAVIOUR?

1. A real humanity.
 2. A perfect humanity.
 3. A representative humanity.
 4. The Divine humanity.
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390. *Simple Faith.*

Mark v. 36: Only believe.

I. WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE?

1. God's word concerning himself.
2. God's word concerning ourselves.
3. God's word concerning religion.

II. HOW ARE WE TO BELIEVE?

1. Simply.
2. Earnestly.
3. Obediently.

III. WHY ARE WE TO BELIEVE?

1. Because its authenticity is settled.
2. Because it is the best evidence.
3. Because other evidence is gratuitous.

391. *Publishing Salvation.*

Ps. lxvi. 16: Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I. WHAT GOD DOES FOR THE SOULS OF HIS PEOPLE.

1. Pardon of their sin.
2. Regeneration of their natures.
3. Victory over their besetments.
4. Answers to their prayers.

II. WHY THE CHRISTIAN DELIGHTS TO TELL IT.

1. From gratitude to God.
 2. From a desire to do good to others.
 3. From a regard to his own spiritual improvement.
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392. *Know Thyself!*

Ps. iv. 4: Commune with your own heart.

I. WHAT SHOULD WE COMMUNE ABOUT?

1. About our sins.
2. About our relation to God.
3. About our principles.
4. About our pleasures.

II. HOW SHOULD THIS SELF-COMMUNION BE PERFORMED?

1. With dependence upon God.
2. With reference to his word.

III. WHAT ARE ITS ADVANTAGES?

- 1 Assistance in the performance of religious duties.
- 2 Direction in the use of the means of grace.
3. Power over temptations.

393. *Save the Minutes!*

Eph. v. 16: Redeeming the time, because the days are evil

I. HOW TIME IS LOST.

1. By an idle life.
2. By trifling amusements.
3. By unprofitable conversation.
4. By unworthy pursuits.

II. HOW TO REDEEM IT.

1. By living according to rule.
2. By a habit of doing good.

III. WHY IT OUGHT TO BE REDEEMED.

1. Because we have much to do.
2. We have but little time to do it in.

394. *Moral Agency.*

Jude 6: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

1. Character is not determined by position—*Angels fell.*
2. Character is not determined by circumstances—*They fell* IN THEIR OWN HABITATION.
3. Character is determined by volition—"They left," etc.
4. Character fixes the eternal state.

395. *Love.*

John iii. 16: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1. God's love gives precious gifts.
 2. God's love overcomes great difficulties.
 3. God's love makes great sacrifices.
 4. God's love contemplates lasting benefits.
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396. *The Victor's Crown.*

Rev. 1. 10: I will give thee a crown of life.

1. The Christian's reward is glorious—"A crown."
 2. The Christian's reward is durable—"A crown OF LIFE."
 3. The Christian's reward is personal—"I will give THEE."
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397. *Christians a Living Protest against Sin.*

Ezek. ix. 4: Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

1. GOD'S PEOPLE DESCRIBED.

1. They are sighing ones—*Sorrowing*.
2. They are crying ones—*Protesting*.

II. THEIR PECULIAR MARK.

1. A mark of separation.
2. A mark of service.
3. A visible mark.
4. A mark of safety.

398. *The Shining Way.*

Prov. iv. 18: But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

1. Like the course of the sun, the Christian life is quiet.
 2. Like the course of the sun, the Christian life is regular and sure.
 3. Like the course of the sun, the Christian life is gladdening.
 4. Like the course of the sun, the Christian life is progressive.
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399. *A View of Life.*

JAMES iv. 14: For what is your life?

- I. LIFE IS MYSTERIOUS.
 1. Birth.
 2. Growth
 3. Sleep.
 4. Volition.
 - II. LIFE IS EMBRYONIC.
 1. Consciousness suggests it.
 2. Analogy intimates it.
 3. God's attributes demand it.
 - III. LIFE IS COMMUNICATIVE.
 1. Modes of thought.
 2. Habits of life—*Potent influence.*
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400. *Preaching Christ.*

Col. i. 28: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

I. THE THEME OF APOSTOLIC PREACHING.

1. A Divine Saviour.
2. An advocate with God.
3. The resurrection and life.
4. An indwelling Christ.

II. THE MANNER.

1. Warning.
2. Instructing.

III. THE END.

1. Perfection in Christ.
2. Ultimate salvation.

401. *God's Character.*

Rom. xi. 22 : Behold, therefore, the goodness and severity of God.

I. ERRONEOUS VIEWS OF GOD.

1. All goodness.
2. All severity.

II. THE EVIL RESULTS OF THESE VIEWS.

1. They are partial.
2. The one leads to presumption.
3. The other to despair.

III. HIS TRUE CHARACTER.

1. A Sovereign.
2. A Father.

402. *The Living God.*

Job xix. 25, 26 : For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth : and though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

I. THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF GOD.

- 1 His personal existence—*Proximity—Agency—*
“LIVETH.”

2. His interference—"Redeemer"—(GOEL).
3. His sympathy—"My Redeemer."

II. THE RESULTS OF FAITH IN IT.

1. Consciousness—*Inward witness*.
 2. Moral evidence.
 - 3 Assurance—"I know," etc.
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403. *Christ the Son.*

John i. 18: No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

I. CHRIST'S RELATION TO THE GREAT FATHER— "Only begotten."

1. His miraculous origin proves it.
2. His entire history attests it.

II. THE FATHER'S AFFECTION FOR THE SON—"In His bosom."

1. God is not mere infinite intellectuality.
2. He is infinite sensibility.
3. Christ is its highest object.

III. CHRIST'S MANIFESTATION OF THE FATHER.

1. As to his being.
 3. As to his feelings.
 2. As to his relations.
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404. *Omniscience.*

Prov. xv. 3: The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

I. GOD'S INSPECTION IS THOROUGH.

1. He sees the thoughts.
- a. He appreciates the motives.

- II. GOD'S INSPECTION IS UNIVERSAL.
 - 1. No hiding-place from his eyes.
 - 2. No escape from his notice.
 - III. GOD'S INSPECTION IS PERSONAL.
 - 1. The good should be encouraged.
 - 2. The sinner should take warning.
 - 3. All should be circumspect.
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405. *Our Mission.*

Acts ix. 6: Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

- I. EVERY MAN HAS HIS MISSION.
 - 1. Life is awfully significant.
 - 2. Duty renders it sublime.
 - II. OUR MISSION MAY BE ASCERTAINED.
 - 1. By observing our position and circumstances.
 - 2. By listening to the voice of God.
 - III. OUR MISSION MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED.
 - 1. Impossibilities are not required.
 - 2. God is pledged for the needful strength.
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406. *Christian Consciousness.*

1 John v. 10: He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.

- I. CONSCIOUSNESS IS AN INCONTROVERTIBLE WITNESS.
 - 1. It is the highest function of intelligence.
 - 2. Its data are beyond doubt.

II. CONSCIOUSNESS IS THE MOST AVAILABLE WITNESS.

1. It is spontaneous.
 2. It is experimental.
 3. It is permanent.
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407. *The Glory Revealed in Us.*

2 Cor. iv. 6: For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

I. THE AUTHOR OF SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

1. God the Creator.
2. In the exercise of creating power.

II. THE SPHERE OF SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

1. The human heart.
2. Through the medium of the understanding.
3. By the instrumentality of the word.

III. THE MEDIUM OF SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

1. Jesus Christ the only manifestation of God's glory.
 2. Jesus Christ the complete exhibition of God's glory.
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408. *The Proof of Love.*

John xiv. 15: If ye love me, keep my commandments.

OBEDIENCE THE TEST OF LOVE.

1. The Bible prescribes it.
2. Reason sanctions it.
3. The renewed heart responds to it.
4. Experience ratifies it.

409. *The Dead Quickened.*

John vi. 63 : It is the Spirit that quickeneth.

- I. THE NECESSITY FOR THE SPIRIT'S WORK.
 1. Men are legally dead.
 2. Men are spiritually dead.
- II. THE SUBJECTS OF HIS QUICKENING POWER.
 1. The attention.
 2. The understanding.
 3. The conscience.
 4. The will.
- III. THE MODE OF HIS QUICKENING OPERATIONS.
 1. It is mysterious.
 2. It is powerful.
 3. It is instantaneous.

410. *Self-Destruction.*

Ezek. xviii. 31 : For why will ye die ?

- I. THE NATURE OF ETERNAL DEATH.
 1. A state of conscious existence.
 2. A state of deprivation.
 3. A state of hideousness.
- II. THE QUESTION PROPOSED.
 1. There is no necessity for it in the nature of God.
 2. There is no necessity in the will of man.
 3. There is no necessity on account of our circumstances.

411. *The Wise in Glory.*

Dan. xii 3: And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

I. THE CHARACTER OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

1. They make a wise choice.
2. They embrace wise truths.
3. They pursue wise conduct.

II. THEIR DUTY DESCRIBED.

1. By example.
2. By personal effort.
3. By their money.
4. By their prayers.

III. THEIR FUTURE GLORY.

1. Its certainty.
2. Its splendor.
3. Its perpetuity.
4. Its progressiveness.

412. *The Power of the Cross.*

1 Cor. i. 18: But unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1. The cross is the power of God in pardoning sin.
2. The cross is the power of God in transforming the mind.
3. The cross is the power of God in cementing human hearts.
4. The cross is the power of God in developing the possibilities of the soul.

413. *The Happy People.*

Deut. xxxiii. 27-29 : The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ; and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee ; and shall say, Destroy them, etc.

I. THE PEOPLE DESCRIBED.

1. A saved people.
2. A happy people.
3. A victorious people.

II. THE NATURE OF THEIR BLESSEDNESS.

1. Their shelter.
 2. Their support.
 3. Their security.
 4. Their provisions.
 5. Their defence.
 6. Their assurance of victory.
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414. *Spiritual Blessings.*

Eph. i. 3 : Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

GOSPEL BLESSINGS CHARACTERIZED.

1. By their quality—"Spiritual."
2. By their plenitude—"All spiritual blessings."
3. By their residence—"In heavenly places" (or things).
4. By their relations—"In Christ."

415. *Manhood.*

Ps. xxxvii. 37 : Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

I. AN ANALYSIS OF PERFECT MANHOOD.

1. Bodily health.
2. Mental balance.
3. Moral vigor.

II. THIS SYMMETRY OF CHARACTER PRODUCED BY THE GOSPEL.

1. It preserves the physical health.
2. It expands and quickens the intellect.
3. It sanctifies the affections and will.

III. THE NATURAL RESULT OF THIS CHARACTER.

1. Peace in life.
2. Tranquillity at death.

416. *Little Sins.*

Song Sol. ii. 25 : Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines ; for our vines have tender grapes.

I. THE SINS WHICH ARE USUALLY CALLED "LITTLE."

1. A spirit of frivolity.
2. Conformity to the world
3. Pride of heart.
4. Uncharitable conversation.

II. THE INJURY WHICH THEY DO US..

1. They interfere with our devotions.
2. They make way for greater sins.
3. They harden our consciences.

III. HOW WE MUST TREAT THEM.

1. Capture them.
2. Destroy them.

417. *The Good Shepherd.*

John x. 14: I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep. and am known of mine.

- I. THE PASTORAL CHARACTER OF CHRIST
 1. He has purchased the flock.
 2. He guides the flock.
 3. He feeds the flock.
 4. He defends the flock.
 - II. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PEOPLE.
 1. An individual knowledge.
 2. A knowledge by sympathy.
 - III. THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM.
 1. An instinct—*Spontaneity*.
 2. A personal recognition.
 3. An assurance.
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418. *Diligent Work.*

Eccles. ix. 10: Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest.

- I. THE WORK WE HAVE TO DO.

1. Secular pursuits.	3. Personal salvation.
2. Social duties.	4. Labor for souls.
- II. THE MANNER OF PERFORMING IT.

1. With willingness.	3. With faith.
2. With promptitude.	4. With fervency.
- III. THE MOTIVE ENFORCING IT.
 1. Life is fleeting.
 2. Death is the end of opportunities.

419. *Early Piety.*

Eccles. xii. 1 : Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

I. WHOM OUGHT WE TO REMEMBER?

1. Our *Creator*.
2. Our *Creator*.

II. HOW OUGHT WE TO REMEMBER HIM?

1. To trust him.
2. To love him.
3. To obey him.

III. WHY OUGHT WE TO DO IT IN YOUTH?

1. The time of improvement.
 2. The time of susceptibility.
 3. The time of discipline.
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420. *Divine Humanity.*

1 Tim. iii. 16 : Great is the mystery of godliness : God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory

1. The Divine perfections exhibited in Christ—*Power—Holiness—Wisdom—Love.*
2. Pronounced approved by the Holy Spirit—*Baptism—Pentecost.*
3. An object of angelic regard—*His birth—Life—Death—Ascension.*
4. The want of the nations supplied—*Incarnations—Avatars.*
5. The solution of mystery—*Reasonable.*
6. The exaltation of humanity—*Intercession.*

421. *Life's Business.*

1 Thess. iv. 11 : That ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business.

- I. THE BUSINESS OF LIFE IS PERSONAL WORK.
 1. We have our own needs.
 2. We have our own surroundings.
 3. We have our own aptitudes.
 4. We have our own obligations.
 - II. THE BUSINESS OF LIFE IS QUIET WORK.
 1. Quiet work is the strongest.
 2. Quiet work is the happiest.
 3. Quiet work is the divinest.
 - III. THE BUSINESS OF LIFE IS INTELLIGENT WORK.
 1. A definite object of pursuit.
 2. A wise choice of means.
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422. *The Luxury of Living.*

John iii. 29 : This my joy therefore is fulfilled.

1. Our joy is fulfilled in doing the right.
 2. Our joy is fulfilled in doing our own work.
 3. Our joy is fulfilled in witnessing our influence.
 4. Our joy is fulfilled in anticipating our reward.
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423. *Resisting God.*

Acts vii. 51 : Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost.

WHAT IS IMPLIED IN THESE WORDS?

1. A mysterious method.
2. A merciful reason.
3. A benevolent purpose.

4. Amazing condescension.
 5. Remarkable human power.
 6. Astounding obduracy.
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424. *Nature Preaching.*

Ps. xix. 1 : The heavens declare the glory of God ; and the firmament showeth his handy work.

THE REVELATIONS OF NATURE.

1. The fact of nature reveals the being of God.
 2. The vastness of nature shows his immensity.
 3. The uniformity of nature declares his Unity.
 4. The regularity of nature discloses his unchangeableness.
 5. The variety of nature manifests his exhaustlessness.
 6. The adaptations of nature unveil his wisdom.
 7. The happiness of nature displays his goodness
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425. *The Important Interview.*

Amos iv. 12 : Prepare to meet thy God.

I. THE PERSON.

1. God—*The Infinite—Just—Offended.*
2. *Thy God—A personal relation.*

II. THE MEETING.

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| 1. Inevitable. | 3. Equitable. |
| 2. Personal. | 4. Conclusive. |

III. THE PREPARATION.

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| Seek an advocate. | 3. Follow all his |
| 2. Trust yourself in his hands. | counsel. |

426. *Calls Disregarded.*

Prov. i. 24-27 : Because I have called and ye refused ; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded : but ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof ; I also will laugh at your calamity ; I will mock when your fear cometh, etc.

I. THE MODES BY WHICH GOD CALLS MEN TO SALVATION.

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| 1. By our reason. | 4. By his word. |
| 2. By our affections. | 5. By his providence. |
| 3. By our conscience | 6. By his ministers. |

II. THE RESULTS OF REFUSAL.

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| 1. Fear. | 3. Torment. |
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427. *The Gospel in One Syllable!*

Luke xiv. 17 : Come !

I. WHO?

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| 1. Moral sinners. | 3. Hard-hearted sinners |
| 2. Ignorant sinners. | 4. Helpless sinners. |

II. WHITHER?

1. Christ, the only deliverer from sin.
2. Christ, the only source of happiness.

III. HOW?

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| 1. Contritely. | 2. Trustfully. |
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IV. WHEN?

1. Now is God's time.
2. Means are now provided.
3. It may be now or never.

428. *Deliverance and Change.*

Col. i. 13 : Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

A WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATION.

1. A translation from guilt to reconciliation.
 2. A translation from misery to peace.
 3. A translation from suspicion to confidence.
 4. A translation from dislike to affection.
 5. A translation from disobedience to cheerful compliance.
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429. *Life in Christ.*

1 John v. 11 : And this life is in his Son.

HOW IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST ?

1. Because he is the author of it.
 2. Because his grace maintains it.
 3. Because his life is the pattern of it.
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430. *The Cross.*

1 Cor. i. 17 : Lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

HOW MAY THIS BE DONE ?

1. By materializing it—*Crucifix*.
2. By speculating about it.
3. By distrusting its power.
4. By using it for unworthy purposes.

431. *Saints of Old.*

Mal. iii. 16, 17 : Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another : and the Lord hearkened, and heard it ; and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels ; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

I. HOW THIS PEOPLE HONORED GOD.

1. By their reverence—“*They feared the Lord.*”
2. In their meditations—“*They thought upon his name.*”
3. In their social intercourse—“*They spake often,*” etc.

II. HOW GOD HONORED THEM

1. With his remembrance
2. With his approval.
3. With his recognition.
4. With his protection.

432. *Afflictions.*

Lam. iii. 31-34 : For the Lord will not cast off for ever : but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

I. THE NATURE OF AFFLICTIONS.

1. Limited—*Compassion with grief.*
2. Temporary—“*Not cast off for ever.*”

II. THE REASON OF AFFLICTIONS.

1. Not in arbitrary will.
2. But in moral government—“*Needs be.*”

III. THE DESIGN OF AFFLICTIONS.

1. To remind us of our sins.
 2. To wean us from the world.
 3. To strengthen our Christian graces.
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433. *The Peace of God.*

John xiv. 27 : Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you ; not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

I. PEACE IS THE SOUL'S CRAVING.

1. Proved from consciousness.
2. Confirmed by experience.
3. Attested by the Bible.

II. PEACE IS CHRIST'S GIFT.

1. His life is a pattern of peace.
2. His death imparts peace.

III. THE KIND OF PEACE WHICH HE GIVES.

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| 1. Stable. | 3. Suitable. |
| 2. Satisfactory. | 4. Permanent. |
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434. *A Christian.*

Acts xi. 26 : And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

I. THE SACRED NAME.

1. Not an assumption.
2. An appellation.

II ITS IMPORT.

1. One who belongs to Christ.
2. One who imitates Christ.
3. One who is anointed with the Holy Ghost.

III. THE DUTIES IT IMPOSES.

1. Devotion to Christ's service.
 2. The endurance of Christ's cross.
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435. *Perseverance.*

Jude 21: Keep yourselves in the love of God.

I. HOW MAY THIS BE DONE?

1. By the contemplation of his essential loveliness.
2. By the contemplation of his love to usward.
3. By avoiding what he hates.
4. By the contact of his life.

II. WHY SHOULD THIS BE DONE?

1. Because love is the essence of spiritual life.
 2. Because love is the spring of all true happiness.
 3. Because love is the source of strength in duty.
 4. Because love is the test of fitness for heaven.
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436. *Ever the Same.*

Mal. iii. 6: For I am the Lord: I change not.

I. IN WHAT GOD'S IMMUTABILITY CONSISTS.

1. His essence is unchangeable.
2. His perfections are unchangeable.
3. His purposes are unchangeable.
4. His laws are unchangeable.
5. His promises are unchangeable.
6. His threatenings are unchangeable.

II. THE USE OF THE DOCTRINE.

1. Encouragement to the righteous.
2. Warning to the wicked.

437. *Encouragement to Labor.*

Ps. cxxvi. 6 : He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

I. THE LABORER DESCRIBED.

1. An active life—"Goeth forth."
2. An important office—"Bearing seed."
3. A valuable charge—"Precious seed."

II. HIS DISCOURAGEMENTS FORESEEN.

1. From his own want of skill.
2. From the hardness of the soil.
3. From uncertainties and delay of the harvest.
4. From outward obstructions.

III. HIS SUCCESS PROMISED.

1. Future—"The harvest is the end of the world."
2. Certain—"Doubtless"—Seed is a living thing.
3. Joyful—"The harvest home."

438. *Cheer Up!*

Ps. xlii. 11 : Why art thou cast down, O my soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? Hope thou in God ; for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

I. THE CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL DESPONDENCY.

1. The burden of sin.
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1. A present trust in God.
2. Looking to the future.

III. THE REASONS FOR TRUST IN GOD.

1. His present goodness to us.
 2. His revealed relation to us.
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439. *Christ Dealing with Sinners.*

Luke vii. 47-50: Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little, etc.

I. THE POSITION OF CHRIST TOWARD SINNERS.

1. That of a common brotherhood.
2. That of universal sympathy.
3. That of particular regard.

II. HIS METHOD OF TREATMENT.

1. Not a severe method.
2. Not a loose one.
3. A high standard of right.
4. The contact of his life.

III. THE EFFECT OF HIS METHOD.

1. A sense of sin.
 2. A sense of hope.
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440. *The Friend of Sinners.*

Matt. xi. 19: A friend of publicans and sinners.

I. WHAT IS MEANT BY THESE WORDS?

1. Not a companion in sin.
2. Not a mere adviser.
3. One who sympathizes with him.
4. One who stoops to save him.

II. HOW IS IT PROVED?

1. By his declared purpose in coming.
2. By the testimony of his life.
3. By his repeated declarations.
4. By his last utterances.
5. By his manifestations after death.
6. By his revelation from heaven—(*Saul*).

441. *Manliness.*

Ps. xxxvii. 37 : Mark the perfect man.

I. TRUE MANLINESS DESCRIBED.

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| 1. In speech. | 3. In amusements. |
| 2. In fashion. | 4. In religion. |

II. ATTRIBUTES OF A MANLY CHARACTER.

1. Control of temper.
2. Fortitude.
3. Homage to truth.
4. Self-sacrifice.
5. A Christ-like life.

442. *Seeking God.*

Ps. lxxiii. 1 : O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee.

I. HOW SHOULD WE SEEK GOD?

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| 1. Intelligently. | 3. Constantly. |
| 2. Earnestly. | 4. Hopefully. |

II. WHERE SHOULD WE SEEK HIM?

1. In the closet.
2. In his Word
3. In the ordinances.

III. WHEN SHOULD WE SEEK HIM?

1. Early in life.
2. In advance of temporal things.

IV. WHY SHOULD WE SEEK HIM?

1. He is the soul's life—"God."
2. His nature is communicative—"My God."

443. *Honoring God.*

1 Sam. ii. 30: Them that honor me, I will honor.

I. HOW CAN WE HONOR GOD?

1. By acknowledging his government.
2. By trusting his word.
3. By offering praise to him.
4. By devoting our lives to him.

II. HOW WILL GOD HONOR US?

1. Adoption into his family.
2. Support in trial.
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444. *Repentance.*

Mark i. 15: Repent ye.

I. REPENTANCE IS A CHANGE OF MIND.

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| 1. Concerning God. | 4. Concerning self. |
| 2. Concerning the law. | 5. Concerning Christ. |
| 3. Concerning sin. | 6. Concerning holiness. |

II. REPENTANCE IS MANIFESTED BY ITS EFFECTS

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| 1. Contrition. | 3. Self-abhorrence. |
| 2. Confession. | 4. Self-abandonment. |

445. *Language.*

Matt. v. 37: But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

1. Language should be the simple expression of the heart.
2. Christianity seeks to simplify human communications.
3. Exaggerated expressions lead to an untrue life.
4. Christ's law of speech will regulate our social intercourse.

446. *The Christ Life.*

Gal. ii. 20: Nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I. THE NATURE OF THE CHRIST LIFE.

1. A unity of principle with Christ.
2. A unity of feeling with Christ.
3. A unity of interest with Christ.

II. THE SUPPORT OF THIS LIFE.

1. Faith in his infinite love.
2. Faith in his meritorious sacrifice.

III. THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS LIFE.

1. Power over sin—*Life resists decay.*
2. Practical holiness—*A living heart pulsates*
3. Joy unspeakable—*Life a luxury.*

447. *At Ease in Zion.*

Amos vi. 1 : Woe to them that are at ease in Zion !

I. WHAT IS THIS STATE OF MIND ?

1. A state of carnal security—“*Trust in the mountain.*”
2. A state of presumption—“*Put far away the evil day.*”
3. A state of sensuality—“*Beds of ivory*”—“*Wine in bowls.*”
4. A state of unconcern—“*Not grieved for affliction.*”

II. WHAT IS THE WOE WHICH GOD DENOUNCES ?

1. Hardness of heart.
 2. Impenitence.
 3. Sudden destruction.
 4. Everlasting misery.
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448. *The End.*

1 Pet. iv. 7 : The end of all things is at hand : be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer.

I. A DECLARATION.

1. Proved by reason.
2. Confirmed by conscience.
3. Attested by the state of things.
4. Declared in God's word.

II. AN EXHORTATION.

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2. To watchfulness.
3. To devotion.

449. *The Signs of the End.*

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2. A rampant infidelity.
3. Persecution of the good
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II. SIGNS IN THE CHURCH.

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 2. Quickened zeal—*Personal effort*.
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3. It is a free gospel: the needy may obtain it.
4. It is a leveling gospel: the humble are raised by it.
5. It is a compensating gospel: the destitute are requited by it.

451. *Conscience.*

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I. WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF CONSCIENCE?

1. Not a distinguishing, but an impelling faculty.
2. An impulse to be like God.
3. The inward organ of God.
4. The basis of all morality.

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1. To inform it.
2. To obey it.
3. To assist it.

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1. It makes it sensitive.
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452. *Christ's Law.*

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2. An impulse to sacrifice.

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 2. Our place will seem an allotment.
 3. Our work will have dignity.
 4. Our anticipations will be glorious.
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